

Hudgins Is Elected As Board's Executive Secretary

Decision To Be Announced
By Sunday, January 26

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jackson since 1946, has been elected as the new Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Dr. W. Levon Moore, Pontotoc, Board president.

The Jackson pastor was unanimously elected by the Board at a called meeting held at the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building in Jackson Tuesday morning, Jan. 21. In a called meeting of the Deacons of the First Baptist Church held early Tuesday afternoon Dr. Hudgins discussed with them the action taken by the Convention Board.

Following the meeting Dr. Hudgins said that he would announce his decision by Sunday, Jan. 26.

If Dr. Hudgins accepts he will succeed the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles, who died in Peru July 6, 1968, while visiting Baptist mission fields in South America enroute to the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Conference, held several days later in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Dr. Hudgins was elected by the 100-member Convention Board following

a recommendation by a nominating committee which had previously been named by the Board to bring one or more recommendations for the position of Executive Secretary.

Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, of Tupelo, chairman of the Nominating Committee, in making its report to the Board, said that we are recommending Dr. Hudgins "because we believe it is God's will and because we believe that he is qualified better than any other man in the world."

The report, condensed, continues:

"Gentlemen, since this State Convention Board elected this Committee to make a nomination for the Executive Secretary of this body, we have considered it a most serious assignment in which we needed the leadership of God. Thousands of people have been praying for the will of God to be done.

"We received many suggestions and we prayerfully considered each one of them. After spending a great deal of time in prayer our first decision was that Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins was God's choice for this position.

"We unanimously and enthusiastically agreed upon this but the doors seemed to close upon this possibility. Because of this we turned to other considerations, but each one of them was futile. We then went back to Dr. Hudgins and asked him to give this matter his utmost prayerful consideration.

"He has the respect of all Mississippi Baptists. He has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson for twenty-three years. He has served in almost every position possible in our work. He has been both president of the Convention and chairman of the Executive Committee.

"He is known all over the nation as a leader of Southern Baptists. He is a spiritual man and a Bible believing prophet of God."

Other members of the Nominating Committee are Dr. Levon Moore, Pontotoc; Rev. J. N. Davis, Batesville; Glenn Perry, Philadelphia; Rev. Estus Mason, Crystal Springs; Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg; Dr. Leroy Green, Prentiss and Rev. D. A. Morton, Amory. Dr. Russell Bush, Jr., Columbia, was a member until he was rotated off the Board in November.

Active in Denomination

Dr. Hudgins has been active in the affairs of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for many years, having been elected to many of the most important positions of leadership in the denomination.

He has for six years been chairman

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Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson is seen in one of his happiest moments as he holds an architect's drawing of the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building which was completed, occupied and dedicated last year. The picture was taken just after

he had enthusiastically and successfully presented the Building Committee's recommendation to the 1965 State Convention to construct the facility. Dr. Hudgins was both chairman of the Building Committee and Executive Committee.

World Baptists Will Observe Alliance Day

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Baptist worshippers on every continent have been asked to observe February 2 as Baptist World Alliance Sunday.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the international fellowship of 26 million Baptists, said that pastors and other leaders will call attention of their people to the worldwide nature of their brotherhood and pray especially for those who live and work in "situations that are hard, hostile, and dangerous."

"The day in which we live is a constant and vigorous challenge to the Christian church," declared a "Message" signed by Alliance officers and proposed for reading in the churches.

"We live in a sad, disillusioned and revolutionary world torn asunder by its wars, confused by its politics, and bitterly prejudiced by its inequalities and injustices. Wherever we live we should be concerned for the life and welfare of the society in which God has placed us."

The Statement pointed to Baptist World Alliance Sunday as a day when "Baptists throughout the world recognize their differences, which are various and many, and emphasize their unity."

"Our Baptist unity," it said, "lies not in the structure of a world church or an organization which joins together the scattered ends of our fellowship. Our unity is basic in Jesus Christ. Our unity surmounts our differences and reaches across the barriers of a divided world."

The Alliance, organized in London in 1905, is a voluntary and fraternal fellowship of national Baptist conventions and unions throughout the world. It sponsors a program of communications to "help Baptists to know each other better," and encourages cooperation in study, mission activities and the joint expression of their convictions on common interests.

William R. Tolbert Jr., vice president of the Republic of Liberia, was elected president of the world organization at the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach in 1965. He will serve until the next congress, slated for Tokyo, Japan, July 12-18, 1970.

Dr. Nordenhaug said that the year 1968 was highlighted by cooperative endeavors. Six thousand Baptist youth from 59 countries met in an international conference at Berne, Switzerland. Alliance officials visited Baptists in Czechoslovakia during difficult political days there. Endeavors of the Alliance also had a part in gaining reentry permits for missionaries to Turkey and in the release of Baptist ministers imprisoned in Cuba. Material relief was extended to suffering peoples in India, Nigeria, Biafra, Bolivia, Vietnam and some countries of eastern Europe.

Dr. Tolbert and other officers of the Alliance declared in their statement: "We take this opportunity of speak-

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Full Text of Report of Nominating Committee to Convention Board

Gentlemen: Since this State Convention Board elected this Committee to make a nomination for the Executive Secretary of this body, we have considered it a most serious assignment in which we needed the leadership of God. Thousands of people have been praying for the will of God to be done. It has not, therefore, been our concern just to bring a name before you, nor names, but we wanted to bring a man before you whom we unanimously felt to be God's man for Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. We received many suggestions and we prayerfully considered each one of them.

After spending a great deal of time in prayer our first decision was that Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins was God's choice for this position. We unanimously and enthusiastically agreed upon this but the doors seemed to close upon this possibility. Because of this we turned to other considerations, but each one of them was futile. We then

went back to Dr. Hudgins and asked him to give this matter his utmost prayerful consideration.

We now recommend that Dr. Hudgins be elected Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. We recommend this because we believe it is God's will and because we believe that he is qualified better than any other man in the world. He has the respect of all Mississippi Baptists. He has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson for twenty-three years. He has served in almost every position possible in our work. He has been both president of the Convention and chairman of the Executive Committee.

He has also been acting as Executive Secretary since Dr. Quarles' death. He is known all over the nation as a leader of Southern Baptists. He is a spiritual man and a Bible believing prophet of God. We, therefore, have no reservation in asking you to unanimously elect him as Executive Secretary.

News Feature

Crusade Telecast Marks Evangelistic First On TV

By Dallas M. Lee

ATLANTA (BP) — Baptists in 1969 will get at least three cracks at gaining the attention of 75 percent of a nationwide, prime-time television audience — big thinking in anybody's league.

In the boldest move by any denomination to use television for direct appeal, Southern Baptists have produced a series of three evangelistic color telecasts as part of their role in the hemisphere-wide Crusade of the Americas.

The \$175,000 effort is not too surprising, however, in light of the crusade objectives of sparking church renewal, evangelizing the continents and motivating Christian ministries of understanding and compassion to the disinherited.

The television concept was first articulated in Cali, Colombia, where

Baptist representatives from North and South America set the objectives for the hemisphere crusade.

"They were looking for new ideas to take to Cali," said Jack Stanton of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism.

"Paid prime time sounded great. Television has never been used this way by a denomination. It would be a new use of the medium for us."

As the idea caught on, the Home Mission Board turned to the SBC Radio and Television Commission to produce whatever the final product was to be. Stanton and Oklahoma evangelism leader J. A. Pennington began work on the idea.

"We thought of filming the crusade rallies," Stanton said, "but cost was prohibitive and it seemed a little provincial anyway."

They then turned to Billy Graham,

the Southern Baptist who has more experience than anyone in TV evangelism. With his help and that of radio-TV commentator Paul Harvey, Stanton and Radio and TV Commission technicians and writers turned out three color telecasts, short on preaching and long on lively music and commentary.

"We didn't want a church service but a more personal confrontation," Stanton said.

First in the series is "The Seeking Generation," a 30-minute production aimed at American youth featuring a young Oklahoma Baptist singing group called the Tuneclippers.

The second production zooms in and out on the nation—"The Two American Dreams."

Here is an example of narrative, with Paul Harvey speaking:

"Isn't it true that the closest con-

tact the vast majority of us have with America's problems is through the evening paper? We seem to have developed the 'election syndrome.' A few of us go to the polls and elect fewer still to take care of problems we're too busy for."

"Even in our spiritual lives, we hire a minister to be there on Sunday and say a few words to make us feel

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Ninth Annual Pastoral Care Institute Set

Mississippi Baptist Hospital and the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association jointly announce the Ninth Annual Institute of Pastoral Care of the III to be scheduled for Tuesday, February 11.

The theme this year will be "Alcoholism and Pastoral Care."

Program personalities will include Dr. C. Roy Woodruff, Director of Pastoral Care and Education, Bryce Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Dr. Dudley Wilson, Pastor, Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi and Dr. William E. Lotterhos, Physician and member of the Medical Staff Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi.

In announcing the program, Mr. Paul J. Pryor, Administrator of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, suggested that pastors, staff members, and denominational workers from all faiths should forward their check for \$2 to Rev. H. Gordon Shamburger, Chaplain of Mississippi Baptist Hospital. The fee will pay for registration and cost of the noon meal.

The session will begin at 9:30 a.m., consisting of coffee and registration in the hospital cafeteria, then at 10:15 the convocation will be held in the amphitheater across the street in the Gilroy School of Nursing. The program will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

State VBS Clinic Set Feb. 17-18

The annual State Baptist Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson Feb. 17-18.

Bryant M. Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department, sponsoring group, said that Miss Carolyn Madison, associate in the department, would direct the clinic.

The purpose of the meeting, Miss Madison said, is to train associational workers so the teams may return to their own associations and conduct clinics for the churches.

Arthur Burcham, consultant, Week Day and Vacation Bible School, Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will be leader of a group of VBS specialists who will conduct the conferences.

Others will include Miss Elsie Rives and Mark Moore, also of Sunday School Board; Mrs. G. E. Waites and Miss Betty Jo Lacey, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Mary Emma Humphrey, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. Paul Harrell and Mrs. Harold St. Gemme, both of Jackson; Mose Dangerfield, Clinton and Carl Wascom, Pascagoula.

Rev. Jimmy Jones, minister of music of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, and Mrs. Jones, will lead the music.

Mr. Cummings will bring the final inspirational message on Tuesday on the subject of "The Challenge of the Vacation Bible School."

The clinic will begin at 1:00 p.m. Monday and adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday. Four sessions are scheduled Monday afternoon and evening and Tuesday morning and afternoon. Registration will begin at noon Monday.



Arthur Burcham

Southern Baptists

Convention Is Now At The Crossroads

By C. E. Cotton

Dallas, Texas

In Home Missions

January 1969

Southern Baptists have faced decisive moments many times throughout their history but never has the decisive moment been more crucial than the one which we face today. The

could be drastically changed depending on our response to certain crucial decisions which we face at this present moment. There are a few Southern Baptist leaders who would welcome such a change as a sign of progress and maturity, but the rank and

file of Southern Baptists would view it as a sign of denominational apostasy which soon would eliminate Southern Baptists as an effective witness for Christ in our world.

This is not to say that Southern Baptists always have been right or that they have been the exclusive and perfect representatives of Christ on

the allegation of Professor Robert R. Soileau (September) that there is a "theological and ethical vacuum in Southern Baptist life."

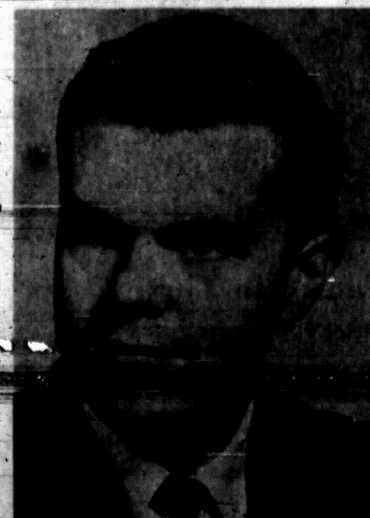
Soileau contends that "throughout our history, we never have had a major book written on the nature of the church or a theologian of national repute." What constitutes "national re-

few men would doubt the theological excellence of E. Y. Mullins, A. T. Robertson, W. T. Conner or H. E. Dana. Dana's book, A Manual of Ecclesiology, may not be acceptable to a few, but most people will recognize it as an excellent treatise on the

doctrine of the New Testament church. Southern Baptists have not been in a theological vacuum. The voices of Southern Baptists in the theological world have not been silent. They have been clear and intellectually credible. Some leaders in the so-called intellectual community have

field of theology which does not quadruple with their beliefs. If to believe in the autonomy of the local church is the sign of a theological vacuum, then we would do well to stay in such a vacuum. Soileau has

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Dr. C. Roy Woodruff

Hudgins Is Elected Executive Secretary

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of the nine-man Executive Committee of the Convention Board and is currently serving as interim Executive Secretary, a place he has occupied since his election to this post by the State Convention in November. He is 42 years old and has been in the ministry for 17 years.

Immediately upon Dr. Quarles' death in July the Executive Committee assumed the duties of the office of Executive Secretary and executed them through its chairman, Dr. Hudgins until the Convention action in November.

Dr. Hudgins was chairman of the building committee for the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building, which was occupied and dedicated last year.

He has served as president of the State Convention, preached the Convention sermon and has served on numerous special and regular Convention committees.

The newly-elected Executive Secretary was instrumental in the acquiring of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly as well as other property of the Convention.

Dr. Hudgins likewise has been active in the affairs of the Southern Baptist Convention and has been honored on numerous occasions by that body.

He served for 14 years on the Executive Committee of the SBC and was its chairman at the time he was rotated off the Committee in 1966.

He preached the Convention sermon at the meeting in Houston last year and several years ago served as vice-president of the body.

At the time of his death Dr. Quarles held both the positions of Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, which is permissible under the constitution of the Convention.

Since then A. L. Nelson, the Board's Business Manager, has been elected as Treasurer and now holds the position of Treasurer and Business Manager. Dr. Hudgins would hold the position of Executive Secretary.

Came From Houston
Dr. Hudgins came to the pastorate of the local church from the First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, going to that post from the pastorate of the Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

A native of Estill Springs, Tenn., he is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., with the A. B. degree.

He also holds the Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Mississippi College conferred the honorary degree of doctor of divinity upon him in 1940.

Dr. Hudgins is also identified with the civic and cultural life of his community.

He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Jackson Symphony Orchestra.

He is a past president of the Jackson Rotary Club as well as past chaplain of the Mississippi Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Mrs. Hudgins is the former Blanche Jones of Knoxville, Tenn. They have three children, all sons, as follows: R. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson; W. Robert Hudgins, Memphis; and James J. Hudgins, St. Louis.

They have five grandchildren.

The First Baptist Church of Jackson is one of the leading churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The church records reflect the following for the past 23 years of Dr. Hudgins' pastorate:
Additions, 7356; baptisms, 1476; weddings, 687; funerals, 1682; total contributions, \$9,291,601; gifts to missions, \$2,807,077; Cooperative Program, \$1,489,992; with \$1,300,000 building expansion for 1965.



First, Bruce, Is Third In Per Capita Giving

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Bruce was third in the state in per capita giving to missions through the Cooperative Program in 1967-68. Rev. G. A. McCoy is the new pastor having succeeded Rev. Kermit McGregor, who served for three years. This church has made full use of the Forward Program of Christian Stewardship for several years, reaching back into the ministry of Rev. Sam Brown. They have made giant strides in mission giving as a result of this repeated emphasis on stewardship. The Bruce church has also had a strong WMU for many years. They are now giving 28% of their undesignated offerings to missions through the Cooperative Program.

Mississippi Baptist Convention

Comparative Church Statistics-1967-68

A. L. Nelson, treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has released the following statistics concerning Mississippi churches in 1967-68.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION				
Comparative Church Statistics - 1967-68				
	1967	1968	Increase	Decrease
Baptisms	16,359	15,690	(669)	(4.09)
Baptism Ratio	31.50	33.32	(1.82)	(5.8)
Additions by Letter	24,957	24,672	(285)	(.7)
Total Membership	515,270	522,830	7,560	1.5
Number of Churches	1,900	1,885	(15)	(.8)
Missions Operated	89	92	3	3.4
Pastor's Annual Salary	\$ 6,482,332	\$ 6,899,195	\$ 416,863	6.4
Value of Church Property	\$152,522,278	\$164,675,093	\$12,152,815	7.9
Protection Plan	770	808	38	4.9
R. A. Enrollment	7,355	7,376	21	.3
Brotherhood Enrollment	13,347	12,942	(405)	(3.0)
W.M.U. Enrollment	59,365	56,441	(2,924)	(4.9)
Sunday School Enrollment	320,560	318,154	(2,406)	(.75)
Training Union Enrollment	138,932	138,824	(108)	(.1)
Music Ministry Enrollment	55,240	58,023	2,783	5.0
Number of Tithers	65,059	66,016	957	1.5
Number Ordained for Ministry	87	82	(5)	(5.7)
Cooperative Program	\$ 3,372,853	\$ 3,670,490	\$ 297,637	8.8
Cooperative Program % of Total Gifts	10.52	9.97	(.55)	(5.2)
Total Mission Gifts	\$ 5,609,435	\$ 6,321,158	\$ 711,723	12.6
Total Receipts All Purpose	\$ 31,978,079	\$ 36,783,897	\$ 4,805,818	15.2
Per Capita Total Receipts	62.06	70.36	8.30	13.3

Romney Suggests Church Schools

Drop Out Of 'Secular Education'

DETROIT (RNS) — Gov. George Romney, soon to become a member of President Richard M. Nixon's cabinet, has urged church-related schools in Michigan to concentrate on religious instruction and send their pupils to public schools for their "secular education."

The startling proposal made by the man named by Mr. Nixon to be his Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs came in a farewell television address to Michigan's citizens. It drew immediate criticism from legislative leaders and from those who have led a campaign to obtain state aid for non-public schools.

"I suggest that we seriously consider whether it would not be more desirable to leave secular education

to the state," Gov. Romney said, "with the churches — all the churches — concentrating their efforts on expanding weekday religious and moral instruction on a more formal and systematic basis for all the children of their faith."

"If we can't do both (maintain public and non-public schools), the churches should concentrate on moral and spiritual education."

"I don't want the parochial schools closed," he added. "I do want them re-evaluated. The state has an obligation to pay for the education of all its children."

As a possible solution after such a re-evaluation, he said the parochial schools "should look to having class in the afternoon like the Jewish He-



Specialist In Satire

DAN McBRIDE, often described as "the Allan Sherman of the religious scene," will be featured on the Feb. 16 "MasterControl" program. McBride will discuss his satirical religious music in an interview with "MasterControl" producer Jim Rupe. Two selections will be played from the new McBride album, "Tiptoe Through the Tithers," recently released by CHM Recordings, a division of the Radio and Television Commission. The two numbers—"Sunday School Pin" and "Too Young"—are typical of the album's content. It consists entirely of humorous lyrical lampoonings of Baptist officials, customs and practices.

brew schools." He wondered if state aid to parochial schools, a topic of increased debate during the last legislative session and a certain item on the agenda of the upcoming session, would be "anything more than a temporary expedient."

"Once we start down the road of state aid to private and parochial schools," he added, "it would only be a matter of time before they were getting as much aid as public schools."

Although Gov. Romney specifically said he did not desire the closing of the parochial schools, many critics of his proposal reasoned that it would lead to the end of the church-related school system.

If the parochial schools were shut down, public school enrollment would jump by 335,000 to 2,400,000 based on 1968-69 figures, with the largest impact felt in Grand Rapids and Bay City, where one out of every three school children attends non-public schools.

State Rep. William A. Ryan, a Democrat from Detroit, led criticism against the governor's proposal. When the session convenes, Mr. Ryan will be among the speakers.

Labeling Gov. Romney's suggestion as "incredible" and "ridiculous," Mr. Ryan said, "He wants a total state monopoly. He, who has been advocating private initiative, would eliminate that in the field of secular education."

Kentucky Southern Joins Louisville University

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Once again, Kentucky Southern College, a former Baptist school, has announced plans to merge with the University of Louisville.

It was the second time in 13 months that Kentucky Southern trustees requested the sister university here to come to their financial aid. The first time, the merger was called off.

In November of 1967, a similar request was worked out, but was cancelled when financial pledges of \$1.2 million were solicited in a "Save Our School" campaign, directed primarily by the students.

Efforts to secure additional finances through a special bond issue underwritten by either Western Kentucky University or the University of Louisville, however, were thwarted, and a year later the former Baptist school again found itself in financial difficulty.

President Rollin S. Burhans said the college made every effort to continue as a private school. "When this became impossible, our major concern became the welfare of our students and faculty and the preservation of the investments which had been made."

"The merger constitutes a way in which these basic concerns can be satisfied," said Burhans.

Kentucky Southern began as a school owned by the Long Run Baptist Association (Louisville area), and became an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1902.

The state convention, is a special session of the Kentucky Southern to be held at a private institution, and agreed to grant the school \$500,000 immediately and an additional \$300,000 during the next five years with annual equal payments.

Kentucky Southern, however, had

short term debts totaling \$1,051,000 and long-term indebtedness amounting to \$3,245,000. Unable to find the additional aid, the college was unable to survive.

According to the agreement between the two schools, University of Louisville will continue to operate Kentucky Southern through the current academic year ending in August of 1969.

Kentucky Southern debts will be assumed by the University of Louisville as well as the assets, totaling \$7.1 million.



Fourth In Three Years

HIGHLAND, CANAL, Central Springs, licensed by Nations left to the gospel ministry, on a recent Sunday. Lyn, who plans to enter Mississippi College January 29, is the fourth man to be licensed or ordained by Highland Church in the past three years. Rev. Max Jones, Highland pastor, is shown at right.

World Baptists

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ing to those of our Baptist people who are separated from their fellow believers by political barriers and where governments deny the liberty to serve Christ without hindrance. We assure them that they are remembered as an integral part of our life and work.

We speak to the minority groups who so often face hardships and opposition, and assure them that they have equal standing and are held in equal esteem with all our world fellowship. We would speak with one voice and declare our hate of the injustices, inequalities and prejudices which in time past crucified the Son of God and today divide man from man and nation from nation.

"Let us turn together to the place of our redemption and renew our love in the presence of the Saviour of the world. Let us dwell in the love that saves souls and changes enemies and inspires sacrifice and delights in service."

Crusade Telecast

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pleasantly guilty so that we can cleanse ourselves for another week of self-indulgence."

The third and final telecast concerns "The Home and Revolution," and the role of the church in mediating between the two.

In each of the telecasts, Evangelist Billy Graham sits and talks conversationally for eight to 10 minutes to put commitment to Christ in the context of each emphasis.

The series is being marketed to 39 local television stations across the country — primarily metropolitan areas such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Dallas, St. Louis and Jackson, Miss.

Other Baptist groups, such as Ohio and Georgia Baptist departments of evangelism, are securing time on smaller TV stations, so the total number of stations carrying the series could reach 60 to 70.

The series is planned for March 31, April 1 and April 3, although these dates will vary. Some stations, apparently, will be showing the series on consecutive Sunday afternoons.

Baker Named To New Public Affairs Post

WASHINGTON (BP) — John Wesley Baker, 48, a native of Austin, Tex., and a well-known political scientist from Wooster, Ohio, is the new associate executive director and director of research services for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director, said that Baker's appointment means the creation of a new post on the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee.

In addition to his duties as associate executive director, Baker will plan public affairs research projects on the Washington scene as well as promote such studies in Baptist institutions and agencies, according to Carlson.

Other staff positions of the Baptist Joint Committee remain the same, Carlson pointed out. These are W. Barry Garrett, director of information services, and James M. Sapp, director of correlation services.

Walter H. Peterson, former director of research services, is now teaching political science at Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is a denominational agency supported by eight Baptist bodies in North America. The Southern Baptist Convention supports the program through the Cooperative Program and by the election of 15 of its members.

For the past 10 years Baker has been chairman of the department of political science at the College of Wooster, a Presbyterian school in Wooster, Ohio.

Bible Serves As Ploy In Mid-East Debate

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (RNS)—Religion in general—and the Bible in particular—is often a topic in U.N. debates on the Middle East.

The year-end Security Council session on the Athens and Beirut airports incidents proved no exception.

Referring to the Soviet record of aggression and Soviet admonishments of Israeli retaliations against Arab terrorism, Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah asked the USSR's Ambassador Yakov Malik to reflect on an ancient Hebrew saying: "Taunt not your neighbor with your own blemish."

This provoked Saudi Arabian Ambassador Jahlil Baroudy, a recognized expert in both Old and New Testament as well as the Koran, to answer in kind.

He told Mr. Tekoah to note a New Testament passage, "You see the thorn that is in your brother's eye, but you do not see the beam which is your own."

No U. S. Executions in 1968

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—The year 1968 is the first on record to pass without any executions in the United States, according to statistics compiled by the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

This disclosure led one legal expert in the battle against capital punishment to predict that executions will never be resumed in this country.

William C. King, director of information for the Bureau of Prisons, reported that 1968 was the first without executions since his agency began collecting records in 1930.

This compared with the record year of 1935 when 199 persons were executed. In 1967, there were two executions. For the 38-year period, a total of 3,850 persons were executed in the U.S., 32 of them women.

SBC Contributes \$83,682 To Crusade Office

SAO PAULO, Brazil (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention contributed \$83,682 out of a total of \$90,340 received by the Crusade of the Americas central office here during 1968.

The total contributions, indicating amounts from each of the 42 Baptist conventions in 42 countries participating in the hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort, were released here by Henry Earl Peacock, general coordinator of the Crusade of the Americas and a Southern Baptist missionary in Brazil.

Sixteen of the 42 conventions did not contribute financially to the Crusade of the Americas during 1968, the report indicated.

The Southern Baptist Convention contributed 90.6 per cent of the total. Brazil was next in total contributions with \$1,326 and the Evangelical Baptist Convention of Argentina was third with \$1,142. All the remaining contributions were less than \$1,000.

Cuban Daughters Respond To Gospel

EUNICE, La. (BP)—Two teenage daughters of a Baptist pastor imprisoned for "preaching the gospel" in Cuba, responded when the invitation was given to accept Christ at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church here in South Louisiana.

Even more unusual, the two girls, Vivian, 14, and Rebecca, 16, Medina had not understood a word the preacher had said. They spoke only Spanish, and knew no English.

As preacher's kids, they had heard the gospel all their lives, but had not responded until they came to Miami to live with an uncle. There they accepted Christ, but had no public opportunity to commit their lives until they came to South Louisiana to enroll in Acadia Baptist Academy near here.

At their initial church service of the school year, they responded to the invitation even though they had not understood the preacher.

They later said that even though the preacher was speaking in an unknown tongue, they had come to know Him of whom the preacher spoke.

Stamps On Letter Bring \$380,000

NEW YORK (EP)—A letter mailed for two cents to the Bombay (India) Auxiliary Bible Society brought the highest price for a single item ever paid at a philatelic auction.

Nobody knows, however, who mailed the letter or what its message was, as its age (it was mailed in 1847) prohibits unfolding the letter without running the risk of destroying the two stamps on it.

The stamps, issued in Mauritius, an Indian Ocean island, have an engraver's error and they were sold here for \$380,000 to a New Orleans dealer. There are an estimated 14 such stamps in existence.

Nazarene World Membership Rises

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (EP)—World membership in the Church of the Nazarene in 1968 reached 464,962. A gain of 11,154 in a year.

U.S. membership in the church increased 6,589, bringing that total to 377,706. The number of churches overseas increased by 49 while those in the U. S. grew by 24 for a worldwide total of 6,211 churches.

Per capita giving also increased during 1968, reaching \$203.02—a gain of \$12.89 over the 1967 figure. Giving for all purposes totaled \$76,681,000, a net gain of \$6,119,000 over 1967.

Dr. Fey On U. S. Church In 1999

INDIANAPOLIS (EP)—One-third of American Protestants will be united before 1999 and the church of that 20-year period will undergo "suffering and tribulation," Dr. Harold E. Fey predicted here.

Dr. Fey, professor emeritus at Christian Theological Seminary, is the former editor of Christian Century, ecumenical weekly. He wrote on "The Church in 1999" for the 50th anniversary issue of World Call, a magazine of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). World Call will celebrate its anniversary in January. Dr. Fey was its editor from 1932-1935.

Florida Church Names Father, Son Co-Pastors

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)—The First Baptist Church here, in an unusual move, has called the son of its current pastor to serve with his father as co-pastor.

Both father and son bear the same name—Homer G. Lindsay (Sr. and Jr.). The father has been pastor of the 3,500-member church for the past 35 years. In announcing the call of his son as co-pastor, Lindsay, 65, said that Homer G. Lindsay Jr. would "equally share the leadership and burden with his father."

Lindsay, Jr., 41, has been pastor of the Northwest Baptist Church, Miami, for the past 16 years. Three years ago, the church led the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of baptisms for the year. He has been pastor of the congregation since it was constituted as a church.

Three Years Of Planning Bring Month Of Victory

On December 2, 1963, a group of Baptists met in Manila to discuss the possibility of a national crusade in the Philippines.

On December 8, 1963, a little more than three years later, the crusade which grew out of that initial meeting came to a victorious close. In a month-long series of 205 evangelistic meetings, 6,117 persons had made professions of faith, 151 had committed their lives to a vocation in Christian service, and about 15 percent of the 11,840 Filipino Baptists had rededicated their lives to Christ.

Within a week after the revivals ended almost 1,000 had been baptized. Now a strong program of follow-up is under way to bring as many as possible of these into church membership.

To what factors can the crusade's success be attributed?

"Obviously, the results immediately visible as well as those anticipated are because of the Holy Spirit's work," Dr. R. Keith Parks, secretary for Southeast Asia, stated in his report to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its January 9 meeting. But he added that there were other factors which allowed the Holy Spirit to work effectively. For example:

1. The steering committee for the crusade had been selected two and a half years before the crusade began.
2. Long-range planning had been done for instructional clinics in all the associations of Filipino Baptist churches.
3. Personnel for precrusade and crusade activities had been carefully chosen and given appropriate orientation well in advance.
4. Prayer support had been mobilized in the Philippines, in the churches of those coming from other countries to participate, and through publications of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which is headquartered in Richmond, Va.

Many people participated in planning and carrying out the crusade, Dr. Parks noted, and much help was given by Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development for the Foreign Mission Board.

Publicity on the crusade theme, "Christ the Only Hope" (a theme borrowed from the Crusade of the Americas, 1960 evangelistic undertaking in the western hemisphere), was extensive and effective. It was dis-

played on street banners, stamps, T-shirts, posters, bumper stickers, and tracts.

A special newspaper, carrying articles on Baptist beliefs and a decision card, was printed, and 300,000 copies were distributed free across the islands.

DZAS, a Christian radio station which operates a printing plant near Manila, gave the crusade 250,000 copies of the Gospel of John in the Living Letters translation, plus more than 300,000 tracts in English and Tagalog (the national Filipino dialect).

Pre-crusade activities included rallies and concerts featuring such visiting personalities as Jose Borras, former Roman Catholic priest who is now a professor at the Baptist theological seminary in Spain; Homer E. Phillips, of Washington, D. C., retired trombone soloist for the U. S. Navy Band; Mrs. Phillips, a concert pianist and vocal soloist; Miss Annette Meriwether, of Rome, opera singer; and Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr., consultant in church music and mass communications for the Foreign Mission Board. Miss Meriwether and Dr. Rhea presented a one-hour special television program which included advance information about the crusade.

When the visiting evangelists from the U. S. and other countries arrived, Dr. Parks said, they found a spiritual atmosphere of anticipation.

Dr. Parks quoted from a letter from Rev. Billy B. Tisdale, crusade chairman, which said that a spirit of unity was evident as everyone took part in the evangelistic effort. "It has reminded us that our main task as missionaries is to win the lost; everything else is secondary," the letter added.

Dr. Parks said follow-up clinics are planned on both Luzon and Mindanao, the two largest islands of the Philippines, to help pastors and workers encourage those who made professions of faith to follow through with baptism and church membership. Since 75 percent of the meetings in the crusade were held in local churches, rather than in public places, Tisdale said he believes a large percentage of the 6,000 will be baptized and join a church.

Responsiveness to the Philippine crusade points up the need for more evangelists in the Philippines, Dr. Parks emphasized. He quoted Missionary James B. Slack, chairman of follow-up: "We need evangelists, for these fields are truly ripe. Please mention our needs as you preach."



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The Convention Is Now At The Crossroads

(Continued from page 1)

discovered that the New Testament ecclesia cannot be identified with the existing local church and strongly implies that all Southern Baptists scholars through the years have been wrong at this point. But how can any sincere Bible student explain away the obvious fact that in at least 92 out of the 114 instances in which the word, ecclesia, appears in the New Testament there is an unmistakable reference to a local congregation?

There may be a few exceptional cases in which the majority rule in a Baptist church has been equated with the will of God, but this is not now and has never been the attitude of most Southern Baptists. There is always the possibility that the majority in a Baptist church could be wrong, but since God does not write out his will literally across the sky, someone must interpret that will of God. Who is qualified to interpret that will without error? A seminary professor or an ecclesiastical council? Is anyone infallible in interpreting the will of God? Who would be better qualified to interpret the will of God than the majority in a local church? The Roman Catholic hierarchy developed when Christians of the fourth and fifth centuries exchanged the autonomy of the local church for a centralized form of government. If we follow the suggestion of Solieu, we will be headed in the

same direction. This is institutionalism in its fullest expression. The only way that we can maintain the church as a fellowship of believers is to practice and cherish local church autonomy. No, we do not need a new doctrine of the church, but we do need a new and stronger reemphasis upon the New Testament and time-honored doctrine of the autonomy of the local church.

Solieu's charge concerning an ethical vacuum in Southern Baptist life is equally unjustified. No one would be so insane as to claim that Southern Baptists have done all that they could have done in the field of ethical ministry. However, it is just as inept to say that there has been an ethical vacuum in Southern Baptist life. Southern Baptists have been in the business of social and ethical ministry through all of their history. To hear some people talk one would think that Southern Baptists just now have awakened to this responsibility. Southern Baptists always have been interested in the whole man. It is true that they have not been very active in participation in social reforms through political block action, but it is far more biblical to minister to social needs on a personal basis than it is to try to change the structures of society through political or block actions. At no time did Jesus advocate civic or block demonstration against certain undesirable social structures. Nor was it advocated through any of

the apostles. In no sense could it be said that the apostle Paul endorsed slavery, and yet he did not participate in or advocate mass demonstrations against it. He did leave some things to say to masters concerning their relationship to their servants (Eph. 6:5-9). He exhorted these Christian masters to exercise love and concern for those under them. He exhorted the slaves to be obedient to their masters, but to recognize that in the sight of God masters and slaves were all alike.

It is usually much easier to join in group demonstrations against certain existing conditions than it is to express real and genuine Christian concern for the individual who lives next door, or who works next to us in the

factory or office. Jesus always placed the emphasis upon personal concern on the individual basis. This is where Southern Baptists have placed the emphasis through the years, and here is where it ought to be placed.

While we need the continuing emphasis upon our social and ethical responsibilities in society, let us never lose sight of the fact that our primary responsibility as clearly taught both by precept and example in the New Testament is in the realm of personal witnessing concerning the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through his atoning death on calvary. This is not only our primary responsibility but also the only valid basis upon which to hope for a better society.

Houston Foundation Plans India New Life Crusade

HOUSTON (BP) — A four-month evangelistic campaign in India is being planned by an organization called the New Life Foundation of Houston, which is seeking to enlist 500 pastors, laymen and musicians from across the Southern Baptist Convention to participate in the campaign.

Four crusades are scheduled—one each month, August through November of 1969, according to Joe West

director of the foundation and coordinator for the crusade.

Known as the All India New Life Crusade, the nation-wide endeavor is being sponsored by the 5,900-church India Prayer Fellowship, comprised of evangelical churches of India, including a number of Baptist churches.

"Our teams will go into the India churches and give them practical help and counsel in how to share the message of Christianity with the masses around them," said West, former pastor of the Westminster Baptist Church of Houston.

"All the local meetings will be held in established churches and Christian schools," he added. "Christians are not allowed to meet in large auditoriums, in parks, or on the streets."

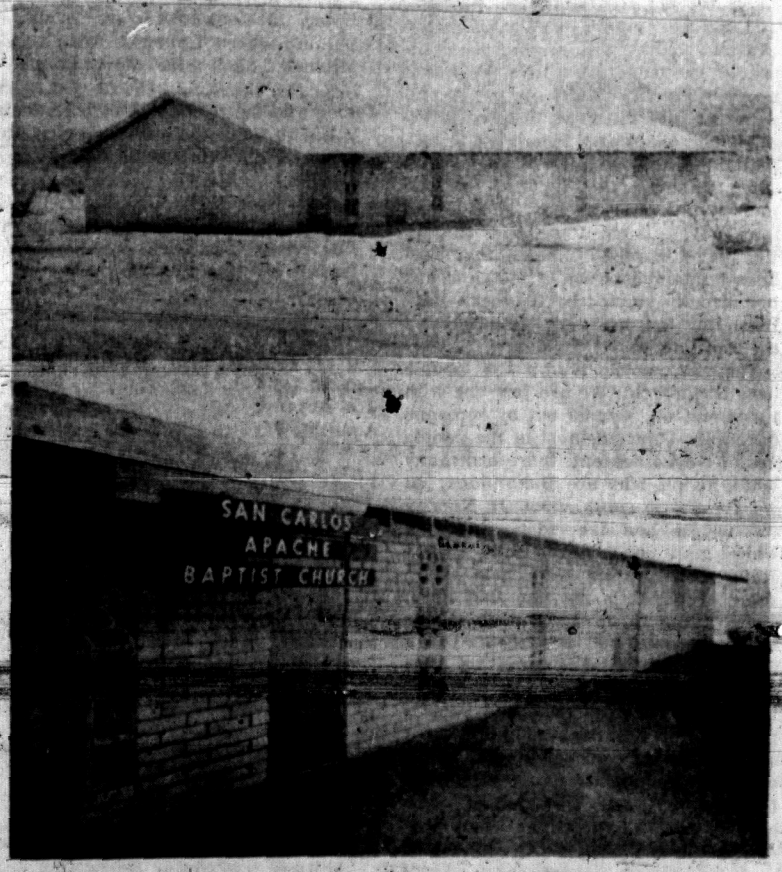
Currently, 34 associate crusade coordinators, who will be leading teams in major India population centers have been enlisted from eight states—Texas, Michigan, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Louisiana, North Carolina, Colorado, and New Mexico. West hopes for widespread support from all states.

He noted a particular interest in India because at the present time, only medical missionaries are allowed to enter the land. There are only seven Southern Baptist missionaries serving in India, all in the medical field.

The foundation which is sponsoring the crusades, however, has no official connection with the Southern Baptist Convention and its Foreign Mission Board. Rather, the foundation operates independently from the Foreign Mission Board, said Winston Crawley, overseas division director for the board in Richmond.

According to West, the New Life Foundation in Houston grew out of the Japan New Life Movement in 1963 in which 600 Baptist pastors, laymen and musicians went to the Orient to assist the churches there in evangelistic meetings.

Mississippians Help Build Church For Apaches



Some time ago the Baptist Record carried an appeal for aid to the San Carlos Apache Baptist Church, San Carlos, Arizona. Mississippians responded well. Shown above are two pictures of the church building as it looked on January 11.

The pastor, Rev. Charles E. Bush, writes:

"Just a note to again thank you and the fine people of Mississippi for the marvelous way in which you have responded to this needs at San Carlos, Arizona."

"We had hoped to be finished by this time; however, the volunteer labor has not come through as we had expected. We should have the building in fine shape by the end of March. At present we are meeting in the building and working toward completion and all is going well. We will certainly have one of the finest places of worship and witness on the reservation. Such could not have been the case without the good response from the friends of Mississippi."

"The Lord has moved His people to meet every need at San Carlos in these months. There have been great times of answer to prayer for our people."

"May the Lord continue to bless your great work in Mississippi. We will ever be grateful for all you have done in supplying a building at San Carlos."

ROLAND D. MARBLE
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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

January 7, 1969

Rev. Carey F. Cox, Executive Secretary
Mississippi Baptist Foundation
Post Office Box 530
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Re: Frisby Griffing Marble
and
Lucy Turner Marble Trust

Dear Brother Cox:

Believing that the Mississippi Baptist Foundation is the ideal means of investing funds for perpetual support of the Lord's work, and desiring to honor the memory of my parents, Mrs. Marble and I want to add the funds enclosed herewith to the corpus of the captioned Trust to be used for the purposes set out therein.

Our prayers, as well as our money, support you and the work of the Foundation.

Sincerely yours,

Roland D. Marble

(The secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation asked for and received permission from Mr. Marble to use the above letter. Mr. Marble is a dedicated Christian gentleman, an honored deacon in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, and a highly respected attorney.)

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- ☐ setting up a living trust.
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- ☐ I would appreciate a visit from a foundation representative (with no obligation).

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Isaiah Goes To Washington

Isaiah the prophet was in Washington for the inaugural of President Nixon last Monday. Well, at least his message was there, and the influence of his ministry.

When President Nixon laid his hands upon two Bibles to take the oath of office, they were opened to the 2nd chapter of Isaiah, where Isaiah said "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord." (Isa. 2:4-5)

Isaiah also was represented in the parade for, according to prior announcement, the Mississippi float was to be based upon Isaiah's prediction of kingdom conditions as found in Isaiah 11.

While it is our opinion that Isaiah's predictions do not concern conditions which will come to pass during this age, but rather in that which will brought in by the Lord's return, we most heartily approve of the president, and our own state, setting these as ideals and as goals. Most certainly we should seek for peace, and unity in the world, and that can come only as we seek the Lord and do his will. Every Christian should pray for the new president, that God may lead him, and all who work with him, and all who hold any office in government, as they seek to solve the tremendous and critical problems facing the world today.

It should give a sense of assurance to those who are hoping for serious efforts to find solution to these problems, to know that the new president went to a "Prayer Breakfast" on the morning of the day of his inauguration, and that a trusted, Bible believing, Bible preaching, evangelical friend,

Dr. Billy Graham, was the one who prayed just before his oath was given, and was standing near the president as he came into his office. We hope that President Nixon always will stay close to the counsel and assistance of such Christian friends, as he fulfills the awesome duties of his office.

But we are interested in the idea of what Isaiah would have said had he been a speaker at the inauguration ceremonies where a portion of his message was used. Of course, he would have been amazed at the wonders of the modern world, so different from his day. But, had he spoken, I think that he would have said that he found that the basic problems of today are the same that they were in his day. The real problem is sin in men's hearts. Resulting from this are such things as pride, hate, greed, lust, drunkenness, murder, etc., etc. Isaiah thundered God's message of disapproval of these things, and warned of the judgement of God upon them. He well could preach exactly the same message in America today.

However, Isaiah preached more than mere condemnation and judgement. He also proclaimed God's love and provision of salvation through a coming Saviour. He called upon men of his day to repent and turn to God, that they might have the blessing and joy of this wondrous redemption. He pointed to God as the only hope for men.

Isaiah also preached that Jehovah is the God of the nations, and not a mere tribal God of Israel. He pointed out that all nations would be judged by him as the supreme being of the universe and that all men and nations were accountable to him.

Isaiah's message is sorely needed in America today. We hope that since he cannot be here in person, some "prophets" of this day still will be proclaiming his message.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Presidency Due Respect

John J. Hurt
In Baptist Standard (Texas)
Resolve now that we, the people, will never again permit a President of these United States to be humiliated with the ridicule, the mockery and all as was Lyndon B. Johnson.

History will be the better judge of his administration and it is not our intent to evaluate it. Instead, we appeal for the respect which is due any man elected to the nation's highest office.

No government, democratic or dictatorial, can survive if the rabble have all the freedoms. Their screams of protest can drown out the speaker in any forum. Their threats of violence can barricade him from the people with whom he must communicate.

Our democracy is built in large part upon freedom. But it is stupidity in an extreme to argue that one man can hire a hall and others monopolize the platform. It also is stupidity in an extreme to give a mob freedom to chant threats of murder, destruction, and other violence.

There is another premise for our appeal. Democracy depends upon respect of the governed for those in authority. The White

House is no shrine before which the people bow. But it must be a symbol of authority, of deference and esteem.

There are times, to be sure, when the people fail themselves at the ballot box. Better then to let the calendar permit another election or employ the constitutional provision for impeachment. It is either of the two or rule by the disciples of anarchy.

The same respect is due the members of Congress, the Supreme Court, government on the state and local level, and all others in places of leadership. Hate borne by the rabble is never confined to the immediate target. It spreads like a cancer, into the churches, the schools, and all of society.

All is not right with these United States nor any of the political subdivisions. There is need of criticism, of protest and the like but respect and decency can be mixed with the appeals. Professional agitators seldom have anything constructive to offer.

Mr. Johnson suffered for our sin of permissiveness. Be sure that there will be no repetition for Mr. Nixon and those who come after him. Give respect, even in disagreement, to those in places of authority.

GUEST EDITORIAL

The Religion Of A President

Jack Harwell
In Christian Index (Ga.)
The role of religion in the national policies of the United States should come into sharp focus as America on Jan. 20 inaugurates Richard M. Nixon as its 37th president. Mr. Nixon's personal religious faith should be of major concern to all.

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It is no secret that Billy Graham has had a major influence on Mr. Nixon's life in religion. Mr. Graham said on a radio program: "Mr.

Nixon has a great sense of moral integrity. I think that he will be a respected president."

Mr. Graham added: "Quakers are a little reticent to talk about their religious faith in public, and I believe Mr. Nixon as a Quaker has inherited a little bit of this tendency. He never wanted to use religion, for example, politically."

Mr. Nixon's national cabinet will include four Presbyterians, three Roman Catholics, two Mormons, an Episcopalian, one member of the United Church of Christ and one Baptist — Robert H. Finch, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

On the issue of aid to private schools, Mr. Nixon has consistently said he favors giving federal funds to the states "in broad categories rather than the present narrow system," with the states then determining priorities. He has announced plans

Answer To A Universal Cry



NEWEST BOOKS

WHY I PREACH THAT THE BIBLE IS LITERALLY TRUE by W. A. Criswell (Broadman, 160 pp., \$3.50)

One of the Southern Baptists' greatest preachers, and at the present time, their convention president, writes on why and how he preaches God's Word. As one reads these pages he begins to understand why Dr. Criswell preaches each Sunday to some of the largest church congregations in America and the world. He is a preacher of the Word, and people of today want to hear the Word of God preached. Those individuals who argue that preaching is dead, should say that some preaching is dead. People will not go to church in large numbers to hear philosophical lectures, discussions of current events, or book-reviews, but they will flock to hear great preaching of Bible truth.

Dr. Criswell presents ten chapters offering arguments as to why he believes the Bible. These are based on sound scholarship, but are so written that the untrained adult, and the learning youth, can clearly understand. He answers critics of the Bible in clear, unmistakable terms, and shows why their flimsy arguments must be rejected, and the Word of God accepted as truth.

Dr. Criswell follows with seven

at the same time, utilizes experienced adult leadership and guidance.

THE STORK IS DEAD by Charlie W. Shedd (Word Books, 126 pp., \$3.95)
"The stork is dead... so... Let's talk turkey!" says Dr. Shedd, pastor-father-friend to thousands of teenagers. Teenagers want straight answers to honest questions on sex, and Dr. Shedd pulls no punches in giving these answers. This book grew out of the author's correspondence with almost 10,000 teenagers, readers of his columns in Teen Magazine on sex and dating. This is one of the frankest books on sex yet, written for teenagers in a language teenagers can understand and believe. It has been long needed and will not be soon forgotten. Dr. Shedd wrote the widely read books, *Letters to Karen* and *Letters to Phillip*, addressed to his daughter and son when each of them married. *Letters to Karen* was published in *Reader's Digest*.

SERMON OUTLINES ON THE FAMILY AND HOME by Adolph Bedele (Baker, paperback, \$1.97 pp.)
The sermon outlines include sections on these subjects: the family, the home, the children, young people, men, women.
JUNIOR OBJECT SERMONS by Jacob J. Sessler (Baker, paperback, 112 pp., \$1.95)
Young folks' sermons from familiar objects, such as the rock, the clock, the lily, paper, corn, potatoes, pottery, a penny.
TWELVE SERMONS ON THE RESURRECTION by Charles H. Spurgeon (Baker, paperback, \$1.95, 152 pp.)
Reprints of sermons by the famous preacher.

THE RICHARDS BIBLE STORY BOOK by Jean Hosking Richar, with illustrations by Dorothy Teichman (Zondervan, 512 pp., \$7.95)

This is a masterful retelling of Bible stories. As the author says, "Adapting Bible stories for children means more than just simplifying the vocabulary. It also involves selection of stories and detail, emphasis within the story, and its implied interpretation." No attempt has been made to "teach a lesson," but each story is presented dramatically as the Bible gives it. The more than one hundred full-color, two-color, and black-and-white illustrations were prepared by a specialist in art for children. The lovely volume is ideal for children to read for themselves—or excellent as a "read-aloud" book.

FAMILIAR FAILURES by Clovis G. Chappell (Baker, paperback, 164 pp., \$1.95)

Here is a book of messages about "dropouts from Christ's school of life." — the idler, the trifler, the hater, the faultfinder, and others. Chappell's sermons remain models for today's preachers and students of preaching.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR CULTURE by Ross Snyder (Abingdon, 221 pp., \$4.50)

The author challenges leaders in all fields of youth activities to help young people create a culture tailored to their special needs. His purpose in this book is to help young people and their leaders invent and create vital, new activities — activities opening the way to a culture which constructively employs the enthusiasm and freshness of youth, and

to establish a National Task Force for Religious-Affiliated Schools to study all aspects of the relation of private schools to the government.

In 1962, while campaigning for governor of California, he said he favored a constitutional amendment to permit nonsectarian prayer in public schools. Generally, he has been a "hawk" on the Vietnam war. He has supported all civil rights legislation enacted since 1957.

Billy Graham probably spoke for most Americans when he said of President-Elect Nixon: "A strong faith in God and moral

and spiritual leadership is needed now more than at any other point since the Civil War. The President-elect is going to need the prayers and support of the people throughout the country, that God will lead him and guide him. I don't think Richard Nixon and his new cabinet and his new administration are going to solve these problems, unless God is with him."

Regardless of political preferences, genuine Christians must commit themselves to abiding prayer for our new President and for our nation. The world desperately needs Christian statesmanship from Christian statesmen.



Quiet Talks

ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

His Heart Lost A Song

Let me tell you something sad. When I first knew this splendid boy, he was a college student, and his life impressed me as being a song of continuing joy, friendship, and well-being. Twenty-five years elapsed before I saw him again; and, meanwhile, his reactions to the demands of life had turned him to bitterness, criticism, and sarcasm.

In my regret at this deterioration of his once-fine spirit, I thought of the plaintive popular melody of years ago, "I Let A Song Go Out of My Heart"; for, indeed, the radiant characteristics which had made his life in college days a lifting, inspiring melody were gone.

Don't Lose These Songs
Regardless of what life may bring to us, let's resolve that, with God's sure help, we shall not let these songs go out of our hearts:

1. The song of gratitude. . . continuing to thank God and people about us for the favors of which we are forever recipients. The song of gratitude will keep our own hearts warm with the consciousness of our indebtedness to God and to fellow man and will warm their hearts, too!
2. The song of praise. . . praise to God for what He is and for what He does for us constantly. . . praise for those about us whose lives are praiseworthy. Habitual praise has many fine aspects, one of them being this: it keeps us looking for qualities to praise, not to condemn!

3. The song of sympathy and understanding. . . In these melodies we help our travel-weary, heart-hurt fellow-men to lift their loads, giving both words and efforts which bring "songs in the night" to those whose pathways are darkened by sorrow, discouragement, failure, injustice, disappointment, frustration, suffering and loss. This song, sung faithfully by you and me, will come back to us some day in our hours of darkness!

4. The song of faith. . . The faith which we express and demonstrate in our lives in the difficult miles of life's journey will reveal the genuineness of our hold upon God. This song of faith will strengthen our own hold upon God and will bring inspiration to those who travel with us.

5. The companion songs of friendship, patience, tenderness, and mirth will keep our hearts from becoming selfish; and, in the inexorable justice of life, those same melodies will be sung to us when, in the weariness of the journey, we need most to hear these songs from those about us.

HAVE YOU LET SOME SONG OF WARMTH AND WINSOMENESS GO OUT OF YOUR LIFE? IT'S EARLY ENOUGH IN 1969 TO CHECK UP, TUNE UP, AND TO MAKE THE YEAR ONE OF GREATER HAPPINESS FOR YOU AND FOR SO MANY OTHERS!

(Published by special arrangement with Dr. Swor.)

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Firsthand Report From The Bahamas

Dear Friends,

Most of you know that I have had to transfer to the Bahamas because of health problems. I hope you are not as ignorant about our work here as I was when I arrived. Baptist work started here under the preaching of Prince Williams, a freed slave, who started preaching in 1790 and kept it up until he was over 100 years old. For a number of years British Baptists worked here. Then some of the churches became loosely connected with the National Baptist Convention, USA. Southern Baptists began work here in 1951. We have a high school, 4 churches or maybe 5 and several missions started specifically by Southern Baptists, including work on Corn Island, off of Nicaragua (which also has a high school). We are establishing relationships with the other 200 or more Baptist churches in the Bahamas and hope to revive the theological training which has been closed for two years for lack of students when the Hensleys return from furlough. It will be enlarged to include other islands besides New Providence (the location of Nassau — the whole island is Nassau) and be on a sometimes visitation and all-the-time correspondence basis.

I am teaching math in the high school here (named Bahamas Baptist College) — those who have worked where the British influence is prevalent will recognize the nomenclature. Frankly, I am enjoying the work better than anything I have ever done. I think this is partly because I almost have time to finish what I am supposed to be doing. I have joined Providence church, which is one of those started by Southern Baptists, and am the music director for the church, leading the singing and directing the choir. Also have the young people's Sunday school class — 3 students so far, and hope to have Intermediates or Young People in Training Union. And, hold on to your seats, when Ramona Hersey, one of our journeymen — who has also joined that church, is not there, I try to play the piano. I really thought that perhaps I should join one of the churches not directly started by Southern Baptists, but felt left very definitely by the Lord to join Providence.

The relationship with the people here is different. We are just one with them and not singled out as someone different. Although most of the people are of Negro descent, there are many white people who are Bahamians, so we are not so conspicuous. In Nigeria the people had the idea that the white man could never fully understand them, so we were held off in some areas. It is not like that here. I am living in an apartment on the school campus and it's about like Grand Central Station, and I love it. We had a big Christmas program last night. I cooked cake and popped popcorn for 2½ days as hard as I could so we could give out a small bag of refreshments to everyone (made nearly 500). Had students over here helping all the time. Then this morning two of the Form IV (11th

grade) girls came in and kiddingly asked for breakfast. I told them to fix it. It turned out they had not had a chance to eat this morning, so they did fix breakfast and eat it, then turned in to clean up the absolutely terrific mess that had been left in here last night. I went to get ready for the Faculty-Student basketball game. When I came back in the kitchen two more girls were here helping to clean up and they cleaned everything, emptied trash, swept the floor, dried the things they washed and put them away.

I did not think there were any people more friendly than those in Nigeria, here I have already been rejoiced with over good things and comforted in sadness and been allowed to enter totally other people's experiences. I have not completely gotten over not being able to return to Nigeria, but if I can do that anywhere, it will be here.

May the New Year bring you a greater acceptance of the wonderful love God has for each of us.

Antonina Canzoneri

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Nassau, Bahamas

When the truth is a sword, God's mercy sometimes commands it sheathed. — Theodore Tilton

Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

- January 27 — Mrs. Hillman Williams, faculty, Clarke College; Michael Knippers, Pearl River Junior College, Baptist student director.
- January 28 — Maxine Sullivan, medical-surgical instructor, Gilroy School of Nursing; Robert B. Martin, faculty, Mississippi College.
- January 29 — Gloria Townsend, staff, Children's Village; Guy Graham, supt. of missions, Itawamba County.
- January 30 — Don Stewart, faculty, William Carey College; Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, staff, Blue Mountain College.
- January 31 — Brenda Stephens, Waudine Storey, Betty Smith, Mrs. Helen Smith, Baptist Building employees.
- February 1 — Hilda Jane Ables, Baptist Book Store; Kelly Dampier, Baptist Record Advisory Committee.

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Heart Cart Receives Priority In Baptist Hospital Hall Traffic

A top priority rating in the traffic of Mississippi Baptist Hospital's corridors goes to a device known to all personnel as "Cart 99."

It is a specially designed mobile cart containing the latest equipment necessary for cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

That means it can be a life-saver in an emergency, and the call over the public address system for "Code 99" sets the rescue team in action.

"This cart," says hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor, "incorporates all of the life-saving measures now being used for patients in cardiac distress."

Purchase of the cart was made possible by a gift from the members of First Baptist Church in Jackson through a Thanksgiving Day offering at the church.

The cart is a \$5000 piece of equipment. When fully equipped, it represents a total investment of \$10,000. It has already been used many times at the hospital.

"Heart attack patients," says Dr. William H. Rosenblatt, chairman of the hospital's coronary care unit committee, "are quite prone to develop complications such as irregularity of heartbeat which can result in death unless immediately corrected."

"As a matter of fact, these irregularities result in a 50% mortality rate in acute heart attacks during the first four days, unless they are corrected immediately."

"When these irregularities are detected by attending personnel, an alarm is sent out, and Cart 99 is immediately rushed to the patient by expertly trained personnel and doctors, so that immediate effective treatment is available — only because of this cart."

"Without it, individual pieces of equipment would have to be rounded up, and this would result in delay, which would, in turn, lessen the chances of survival."

Units of the cart include a defibrillator, a heart pace-maker, an electrocardiograph, and a heart-lung resuscitator. Without the cart, these units must be brought to the patient separately, from different locations, and one or more might be in use at the time of need.

"To our knowledge," says Dr. Rosenblatt, "this is the only complete crash cart in this area. It's a complete mobile coronary care unit."

The cart already has become a familiar sight to personnel of the hospital and — as already indicated — it takes top priority over all other corridor traffic.

"I've used it half a dozen times already," says Dr. Rosenblatt. "It's just as effective as the transfer of a patient to the coronary-care unit — without subjecting the patient to the emotional and physical distress involved in such a transfer."

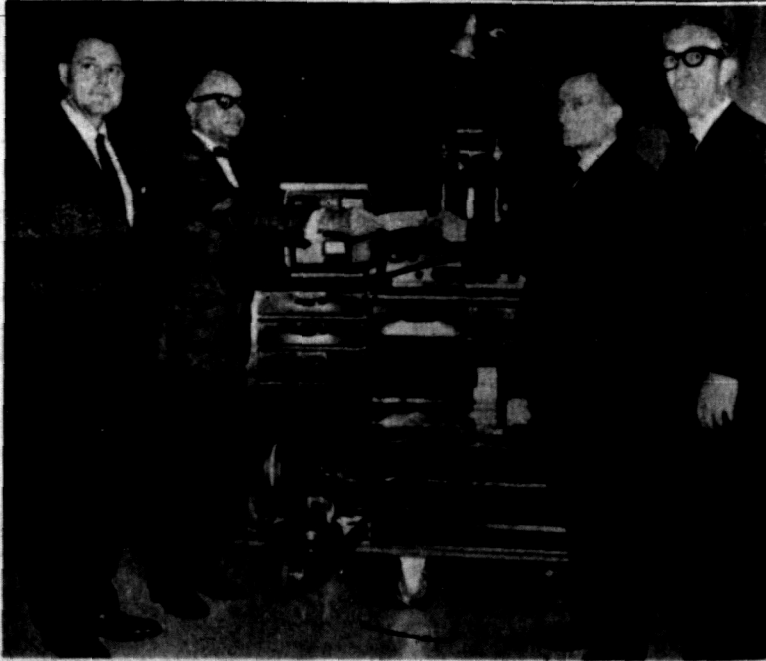
The chairman of deacons at First Baptist Church in Jackson is also a physician — Dr. D. J. Van Landingham. He makes this comment about Cart 99:

"First Baptist Church, for many years, has taken a special offering at Thanksgiving and has made this entire offering available to Mississippi Baptist Hospital for a special Christian service."

"As a physician, I recognize the real need for this equipment and its potential for helpfulness. And as chairman of deacons, I think I express the feeling of our board and of the membership of the church when I say we are glad to have had a significant part in the purchase of this item of equipment."

In cases of cardiac arrest, the physician has about four minutes in which to start resuscitation. SYSTEM

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MAJOR PIECE OF NEW EQUIPMENT at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson is this mobile cart for emergency assistance for heart patients. With the cart, from left to right, are Paul J. Pryor, administrator, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; Dr. William H. Rosenblatt, chairman of the coronary care unit committee for the hospital; Dr. D. J. Van Landingham, chairman of deacons at First Church, Jackson; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, First Church, Jackson.



Ministers' Wives Fellowship At Clarke College

SHOWN in a recent meeting are these members of the Ministers' Wives Fellowship of Clarke College. From left: Mrs. Bobby Long, Newton; Mrs. John Stone, Palmdale, Ala.; Mrs. Roger Griffith, Nox-

pater; Mrs. L. D. Brown Alligator; Mrs. J. H. Street; Mrs. Woodrow Horn, Tishomingo; Mrs. Louie Tate, Mt. Hermon, La.; Mrs. L. D. Jones, Forest; Mrs. Jessie Chrestman, Newton.

MC Adds New Religion Course

Mississippi College's newly inaugurated academic program leading toward the master of arts in religion degree has added a new course according to Dr. W. W. Stevens, chairman of the Division of Religion.

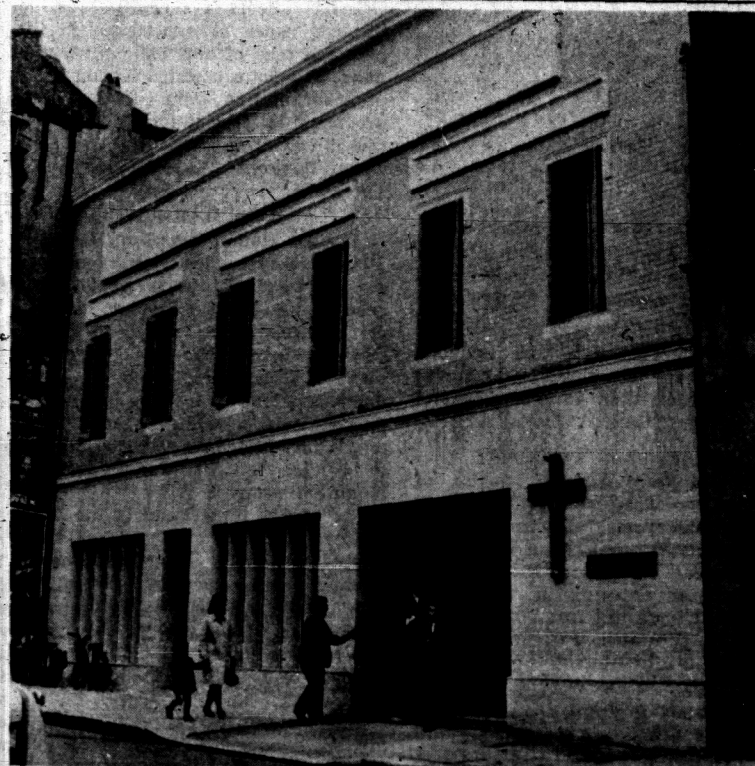
The new offering, entitled Seminar on Religious Counseling and labeled as Religious Education 520a, will be taught second semester at 2 p. m. on Tuesday afternoons in the Old Chapel. The second semester begins with registration on Wednesday, January 23.

"This course will be valuable to anyone involved in religious work," said Dr. Phil McCarty, course instructor. "It is not designed for just the full-time religious worker or professional, but would prove beneficial for the layman, Sunday school worker, or other church leader."

Dr. McCarty said the course will include counseling methods as they apply in a religious setting and that the practical aspects of counseling will be stressed.

This is the first year Mississippi College has offered courses on the graduate level in religion.

Prospective students desiring more information should contact Dr. Stevens or Dr. J. W. Lee, dean of the graduate school, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.



New Church In France's Second Biggest City

THIS IS THE NEW BUILDING of the Baptist church in Marseilles, population 800,000. Perhaps the only Baptist church in France's second largest city, it is located near a prominent square close to the city center. The building was remodeled for church use at a cost of 500,000 francs (\$100,000) from its former occupancy as a warehouse. Present attendance is about 60. The new auditorium seats more than 250. Church members have circulated 9,000 get-acquainted letters to residents within a six-block radius of the church, inviting them to services. (European Baptist Press Service Photo)

Recent Lunar Orbit Special Interest To Another Mississippi College Grad

Mike Oberschmidt the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Oberschmidt of Brookhaven, and the husband of the former Dora Joan Allgood of Brookhaven, was recently featured in an article in the U.S. Naval Weapons Laboratory publication at Dahlgren, Va.

The article explains that Oberschmidt and two other NWL employees, transferred to Dahlgren from NASA, watched and listened with spe-

cial personal interest from NASA as the three U.S. astronauts orbited the moon recently.

Although Oberschmidt did not come

into personal contact with the astronauts, his work at NASA was basic in the space effort.

Mike, who was previously employed at NWL from 1959-1962, worked in the Thermochemical Test Branch, Propulsion and Power Division, Engineering and Development Directorate. His position was Instrumentation Operation Group Leader and he was responsible for the design and operation of the instrumentation and data acquisition systems for the five Thermochemical Test Facilities. He is one of three inventors who holds a patent for an invention of a test device for reaction control engines, used on the Apollo spacecraft, the NWL publication states.

Mike is presently a project engineer for research in future electromagnetic compatibility and electronic warfare concepts.

A 1958 graduate of Mississippi College with a BS in mathematics and physics, Mike and his wife, Dora Joan, are the parents of three children, Mike Jr., Melinda Ann and Margaret Anne and live at 806 Welsh Road, U.S. Naval Weapons Laboratory, Dahlgren, Va. Mrs. Oberschmidt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde N. Allgood of Brookhaven.

Mrs. Weber Named Advisor To Film Production Group

Mrs. Johnnie Weber, R. N., Director of Nursing Service at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson, has been named to the Medical Advisory Board on Educational Film Production, a national non-profit, voluntary group of over 400 medical and nursing educators.

The board is currently planning production of 31 different series of programmed instructional films for teaching medical and nursing students, plus educational films for physicians and graduate nurses, as well as scripts for 1500 medical teaching films.

Mrs. Weber will serve on the board's Nursing Section, which will advise on scripts for 1000 nursing educational films.

The board serves Educational Film Productions, Inc., which is a subsidiary of National General Corporation, which owns the 200 Fox theatres, Seven Arts-Warner Brothers Motion Picture Studios, and Grosset-Dunlap-Bantam Books.

The educational film project was recently reported in articles in The Wall Street Journal and in the Los Angeles Times. National General is headquartered in Los Angeles.



Missionaries Receive New Magazine

DR. FOY ROGERS, director of Cooperative Missions Department, shows new materials to two superintendents of missions at Missionaries' Orientation Fellowship meeting held Jan. 6-9 at Camp Garaywa. From left: Rev. Millard Puri, Mississippi Association; Rev. Marvin Lee, Pontotoc association, and Dr. Rogers.

School Drops Ball; Plans Buildings

PINEVILLE, La. (BP)—Trustees of Louisiana College here have voted to discontinue the Baptist school's intercollegiate football program, to increase student fees, and made plans for several new buildings.

The action discontinuing the school's football program came after a long string of defeats, and increased financial costs.

Louisiana College won only one of its last 30 games and had lost 26 consecutive games before defeating a first-year school, Northwood of Texas, this past season.

The football program annually costs the college from \$50,000 to \$75,000, and gate receipts often were not enough to pay officials and transportation of the visiting teams.

"This was a very difficult decision to make," said G. Earl Guinn, president of the school. "Nobody wanted to drop football. But the players and coaches were constantly at a disadvantage, and you can't expect coaches to sacrifice their reputation under these conditions."

Guinn added that all commitments will be fulfilled for both coaches and football scholarship students. Gerald Williams and George Hooper are the coaches.

In other action, the trustees authorized construction of a dormitory to house 112 women students at a cost of about \$682,000, and approved a \$200,000 allocation to renovate and remodel business and administrative offices, classrooms, and a men's residence hall.

American Bible Society Names News Manager

NEW YORK (RNS) — Eugene Cameron, corporate personnel manager of the Nopco Chemical Co. in Newark, N. J., has been named personnel director of the American Bible Society here.

He succeeds Dr. Howard Seymour who resigned to become a professor of economics at Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N. C.

Mr. Cameron's appointment was one of several announced by the Bible Society. Others included:

—The Rev. Thomas S. Johnson as distribution secretary for special ministers of the Society's Central Region. The Presbyterian clergyman will work in Chicago.

—Dr. Harold W. Fehderau as a translations consultant working in the Congo. He is a missionary of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

—Philip C. Stine as translations consultant for West Africa. He will spend several months in Switzerland and then spend a year in the Congo while Dr. Fehderau is on furlough.

2nd Semester Begins At BMC On Jan. 27

Blue Mountain College announces its schedule for the opening of the second semester of the current session.

Orientation for all new students will be held on Monday, January 27, in room 10 of the Lawrence T. Lowrey Administration Building. Hours for the orientation for new students are from 9:00 a. m. until 12:00 noon.

Registration for all students who expect to enroll for the second semester will be held on Tuesday, January 28, according to the following schedule: Seniors, 9:00 a. m. to 10:30 a. m.; Juniors, 10:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon; Sophomores, 1:00 p. m. to 2:30 p. m.; Freshmen, 2:30 to 4:30 p. m.

Incidents of Drunken Behavior On Planes worry stewards in the Transport Workers Union. TWU officials have asked the stewards to file detailed reports on "hazardous drinkers" to help build a case for making the optional two-drink limit mandatory on domestic flights.

Revival Dates

Trinity Church, Fulton: laymen-led revival; Jan. 26-29; services at 10:50 a. m. and 6 p. m. on Sunday; 7 on week nights; prelude in preparation for crusade revivals in April; men of Trinity will be leading in all services singing, praying, giving testimonies, bringing messages; speakers will include Dick Senter, Bill Gregory, Charles Murphy, Tommy Bullard, Milton Brown, Olen Sheffield, Charles Morris, Larry Brown, and Charles Spencer; Victor Brown, in charge of music, with others assisting; Rev. Horace C. Thomas, pastor.

February Baptist Hour

Hobbs To Preach On Theme, "Christ The Only Hope"

In preparation for the Crusade of the Americas revival meetings beginning in March, Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs has taken the Crusade slogan, "Christ the Only Hope," as the theme for his February messages on "The Baptist Hour."

On February 6, "In What We Hope"; February 13, "The Lodestone of Life"; February 20, "In Touch With Reality"; and February 27, "I Believe in Miracles."

With 1 Peter 3:14-16 as the text, Dr. Hobbs points out in the first sermon that men tend to place their hope in

science or material things when actually "hope is a spiritual matter... a condition of the heart." Since things change but only God is changeless, the only basis for hope is in Christ "The Only Hope."

Christ provided the reason for the Christian's hope with His death. Dr. Hobbs says, "By taking the sinfulness of man upon Himself at the cross, He made it possible for man to receive the righteousness of God through faith in Him."

Dr. Hobbs uses a natural phenomenon, the lodestone, in his February message to illustrate

Christ's relationship to the natural universe, the spiritual universe and the individual Christian. Pointing to the text, Colossians 1:15-18, he explains that the words "in whom all things consist" describe how Christ holds the universe of matter together as the lodestone holds the particles it attracts.

Speaking from Romans 8:28-30 in his February 16 sermon, Dr. Hobbs suggests that the present age is one in quest of realism and yet in danger of overlooking reality. Reality, he says, is grounded in the eternal and, unlike the material things that many

turn to in seeking realism, the eternal is unseen. Trusting in the unseen is the nature of hope, and hope in eternal life, based on faith in Christ, provides the Christian with the patience to endure hardship and bring forth fruit in God's Kingdom.

In his final presentation, for February 23, Dr. Hobbs speaks about the nature of the universe. He refers to John 1:14, "and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us," he declares that God's greatest miracle was in revealing Himself in the form of man.

Names In The News

Rev. Paul Hunter has been called to the pastorate of First Church, Tutwiler. Hunter is the former pastor of Fair River Church, Lincoln Association.

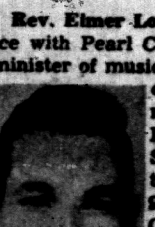


He is a graduate of Mississippi College and received his Master of Divinity from Southwestern Seminary. The Tutwiler church gives over 33% of its total budget to world missions. This year the WMU challenged the church with one of its highest Lottie Moon Offering goals—a goal of \$1,000. This goal was not only reached, but exceeded.

Herbert P. Nordquist, formerly business manager for Mobile (Baptist) College, has been named purchasing agent for Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus. A native of Erie, Pa., he holds the bachelor of science degree from John Brown University. He is an ordained Baptist deacon. While in Mobile, he was a member of First Baptist Church, Prichard. Nordquist is married to the former Martha McLaurin of Hattiesburg. They have a daughter, Tammy.



Rev. Elmer Lowrey began his service with Pearl Church January 15 as minister of music and youth. A native of Louisville, he is married to Yvonne Hammond of Bay Springs; they have two daughters, 6 and 9. He attended Clarke College and Mississippi College. He pastored churches in Winston County, but for the last few years has devoted his time to serving as minister of music and youth. He goes to Pearl from Westview Church, Jackson. He and his family were welcomed with a reception on Sunday night January 19. Rev. Carl E. Talbert is pastor at Pearl.



Dr. W. L. Thomas after almost six years as pastor of Trinity Church, Memphis, Tennessee, has resigned to enter the ministry of full-time evangelism and Bible teaching. During his ministry as pastor at Trinity the church has received more than 1600 members. Dr. Thomas will be available for revivals, Bible conferences, and Evangelistic Crusades, and can be reached at the following address: P. O. Box 416, Grand Saline, Texas 75140. He has served as a pastor in Southern Baptist churches in Texas and Tennessee for over twenty years, and has preached in over 150 revival efforts in many of the states, as well as in the Philippines and in Nigeria, West Africa.

Rev. Johnny Walker has accepted the call to the pastorate of Trinity Church, Wayne County.

Two William Carey College alumni were included in the commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, on December 20. John Wilson Burkey, originally from California, and a Carey graduate of 1966, earned the Master of Religious Education degree. Wilfred Bryan Siz, formerly from Illinois, and a 1965 graduate of Carey, received the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Rev. and Mrs. William L. Smith, missionaries, have returned to South Brazil following a furlough (address: Caixa 336, Londrina, Parana, Brazil). Mr. Smith is a native of Amite County, Mississippi; the former Carolyn Brand, Mrs. Smith was born and reared in Orlando, Fla.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Hill, missionaries, have completed furlough and returned to El Paso, Tex., where he is book editor at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House (address: P. O. Box 4255, El Paso, Tex. 79914). Dr. Hill is a native of Lamar, S. C.; Mrs. Hill is the former Cornice Winter, of Grenada County, Mississippi. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955, he was pastor of Woolmarket Church, Biloxi.

Rev. Hugh Arnold is the new pastor of Sand Hill Church, Greene County.

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Rev. Ray Jones has resigned as pastor of Success Church, Gulf Coast.

John Mohler, Stanley Yarborough, Perry Reynolds, and Randall McDaniels of Riverside Church, Gulf Coast Association, have surrendered to the gospel ministry. Rev. James Lawrence is Riverside pastor.

Rev. Thomas E. Thurman, missionary to Pakistan, was guest speaker for both services on January 12 at First Church, Bay St. Louis.

Chaplain Leanne Knight is serving as interim pastor for Bayou View Church, Gulfport.

Rev. Tom Douglas, manager of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, is serving as interim pastor for Sharon Church, Gulf Coast.

Rev. Melvin Pace has resigned as pastor of Lizana Church.

Rev. Jerry Estes has resigned as pastor of Perkinson Church to accept the pastorate of New Hope Church, Gulfport.

Rev. Billy Johnson will begin duties as pastor of Wildwood Church, Laurel, on February 1.

Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor of Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia since October 1965, has resigned that position to become the new pastor of First Church, Boyle. He assumes the new responsibilities on Feb. 1 and will move to the new field about February 10.

Dr. L. Gordon Sontag, director of evangelism, spoke three times during the Evangelism Conference of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, held in Sacramento Jan. 13-14.

Philip Wayne, fourth child of Rev. and Mrs. L. Parkes Marler, missionaries to Guam, was born November 28. (The Marlers may be addressed at Box EW, Agaña, Guam, 96910.) Both Mr. and Mrs. Marler are natives of Harpersville, Miss.; she is the former Martha Ellen Townsend.

Francis Lorne Goldfinch, son of Rev. and Mrs. Sydney L. Goldfinch, Sr., missionaries to Costa Rica, has been awarded the Elizabeth Lowman Memorial Scholarship of \$500 by Women's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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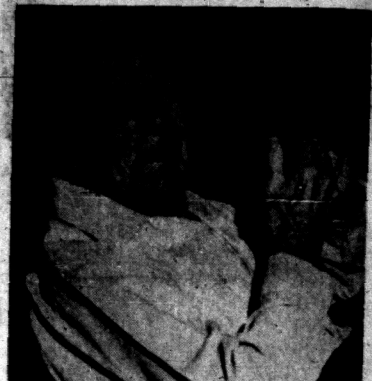
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To Prevent Boredom - Act!



THE AUTUMN YEARS — One of America's growing number of senior citizens reflects a serenity acquired through years of experience in the give and take of life. This was one of about 200 photos used in "Epilogue," a program on the world of the aged, produced by the Radio-TV Commission in cooperation with the ABC Television Network.

By S. L. Morgan
Baptist Home, Hamilton, N. C.
I wish very earnestly everyone with an ounce of influence could have read in News and Observer the article by Pres. Leo Jenkins of E.C.U. on "Boredom." The basic idea was that God has implanted in every normal person a craving to act, to express self, to achieve; and that it is the duty of society to recognize and to provide facilities for this innate longing to express self.

The aptest illustration is the teenager's eagerness to throw a ball. It's simply the soul's innate yearning to express itself. Lacking freedom for this action, he should not be condemned as wholly wicked if he satisfied this longing of his nature for expression by throwing a rock through a window.

This longing for expression is simply one's nature as God created it. Therefore, as Dr. Jenkins urges, it is the duty of all the community to work

together to provide the facilities for all its citizens to have the means for the fullest self-expression. And at all ages. I testify that at age 97 I still feel a God-given urge for acting out the God-given desire to act, to achieve, to do what will help society and the world.

In a lovely home for the aging, with 30 old people, I have to grieve that this innate desire for action, for profitable self-expression, has had too little attention. It is as if those fine people in charge of us feel it is enough if they but "feed and sleep us." Frankly that idea is an insult to my nature as God created it.

When I entered this home nearly five years ago, I refused rides to church, to the Post Office in the Home's car. I deeply believed walking was good for me. But I hadn't yet learned that one in his 90s must walk slowly. And in fast walking I get dizzy, and twice fell flat. The second time, someone phoned the home and the Home's car came for me.

Our lovely supervisor, Helen, said to me, "Don't walk any more, we'll take you where you want to go." I said, "I'm sure walking has helped me; we'll ask the doctor." He said, "Walk, but walk slowly." And I've walked nearly five years since, sure, it has been good for me.

I had the good fortune to be born near the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and to have grown up the "hard way." I fully believe we old people need by our very nature to live very close to the limit of our ability. I insist still to walk and refuse riding yet awhile.

This is the basic idea of Dr. Jenkins in his great article on BOREDOM—that all the facilities of church and school and Big Business ought to work in harmony and with zeal to provide in every community the facilities to offer all the people the means of wholesome entertainment and culture needed for the simple health of all its citizens.



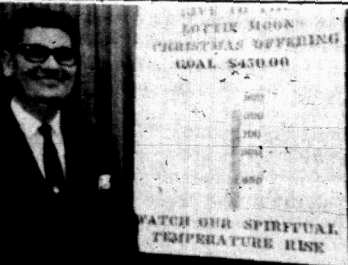
Clarke Council To Assist Congressmen

COOPERATING WITH Congressman G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery is the above Public Affairs Council at Clarke College formed to link the college students with matters of interest in the United States Congress. From left: Murray Stewart, Memphis; Tina Headrick, Laurel; E. J. Tynes, Carthage; Louise Thornton, Belzoni; Thom McInnis, New Orleans; Helen Measells, Morton; Billy M. Holley, Aberdeen; Ruby Winstead, Morton; Darlene Waldo, Coffeeville; Connie Skelton, Moundville, Ala.



New Henleyfield Presents Pins

THREE AT New Henleyfield have attendance records over five years. Shown from left to right: New Henleyfield Sunday school superintendent Rudy Lee presenting perfect attendance pins to Regi Wise, 6 years; Herbert Burks; Nancy Wise, 6 years; Bruce Burks, Kyle Wise, 6 years; and Lori Avery, New Henleyfield has an enrollment of 60. Rev. James C. Butler is pastor.



Second Avenue, Laurel Exceeds One Goal, Begins New Offering

Second Avenue Church, Laurel has exceeded their Lottie Moon goal of \$2,400 by giving \$2,874.67. They immediately started on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and already have received \$112.23.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Davis, missionaries to Nigeria, spoke and showed colored slides. Mrs. John C. Zachary, WMU director, states, "Our star with 24 lights on it was quickly lighted, and this is the first time that our church has gone over the goal during the month of December."

Rev. Edward J. Harvey is pastor. It is a man's faith that does not affect his pocketbook then his faith is phony.—Elton Trueblood

Palmer Church Almost Doubles Offering Goal

"Give as much to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as you spend on gifts for your family" was the challenge of the pastor, Rev. Johnny Parks, (pictured) at Palmer Church, Tippah Association.

The \$450 goal was reached early in December, and when the last envelope was opened, the total offering reached \$862.83.



Young People Earn Money To Give

A number of young people and intermediates of Calvary Church, Greenville, joined together through the Christmas holidays to do odd jobs for which they earned a total of \$101.15. This was presented to the church designated for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The church had a goal of \$600 but surpassed this by giving \$1,004.35, over \$500.00 more than the church had ever before given, according to Rev. Raymond A. Wilson, pastor.

Not Bored At 95

By Ethel R. Fage
Is 95 old? Not according to Mrs. Hattie Waterman, of Sunset Home, Baptist Institution in Concordia, Kansas. In good health, needing no medicine, she has lived in the Home the last 28 years. She cares for herself and her room, goes to the dining room for meals, attends chapel services and other activities.

"I became a Christian in early life," says Mrs. Waterman, and was active in various lines of church work, many years as a Sunday School teacher. "Her rich Christian experience tells its own story in her sparkling eyes and glowing countenance."

When asked the secret of her serenity and contentment, she replied, "Reading the Bible and trust in God. This keeps my heart light." She believes that daily guidance by the Lord will assure happy and victorious living. To illustrate this, she related a little incident:

"I was about to repeat a story I had heard, when something seemed to take hold of me and warn me that I should not tell it. The Holy Spirit will control even our words if we are fully surrendered to God."

Since coming to the Home, Mrs.

\$700,000 Given Baylor Communications Center

WACO, Tex. (BP) — Stock valued at almost \$700,000 has been donated to Baylor University for the purpose of constructing a Communications Center to house the school's departments of Journalism and oral Communications.

The new building, which will include facilities for student publications and the radio, television, film division, will be named in honor of the late Jack Castellaw, son of the donor, Mrs. Janie Castellaw of Denton, Tex.

Young Castellaw, a Baylor student, was killed in a bus accident in 1927, along with nine members of the Baylor basketball team. Castellaw, who was just short of graduation, was manager of the Cub Basketball team at the time of his death.

Mrs. Castellaw told Baylor President Abner V. McCall that her gift was motivated by love for Baylor and its students and that she hoped it would "promote God's kingdom here on earth."

Waterman has quilted 100 quilts. In cooperation with the Missionary Society of her local church, she has cut 3000 quilt blocks to be sent to an overseas mission. She collects stamps by the hundred, which are sent to West Germany as a mission project.

She enjoys reading religious books and other good literature. For lighter diversion, she and a friend find comradeship in putting together jigsaw puzzles. She is loved and admired by all the other residents of the Home, who feel the uplifting influence of her quiet, but forceful Christian life.

"Looking toward the future, what do you anticipate with the greatest desire?" "The coming of Jesus!" was the prompt reply. She longs to meet her Saviour face to face.

New Minister Of Music-Education At Richland

Paul D. Ganey has recently moved to Richland Church at Plain as minister of music and education, according to Rev. M. Ray Campbell, pastor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Ganey of Montgomery, Ala. Mr. Ganey (pictured) attended Clarke College, and Mobile College, Mobile, Alabama. He has served as minister of music at Calvary Church, Montgomery; Travis Road Church and Naveo Church, Mobile; First Church, Lake; and moved to Richland from First Church, Lucedale.

The wife of Rev. Campbell, Rebecca Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Adams of Opp, Alabama. She received her degree from Oxford University in Birmingham, Alabama, and has taught in the public school system in Montgomery and Mobile.

The Ganey's were welcomed to Richland at a reception held in Fellowship Hall after the evening worship hour on Sunday, January 5.

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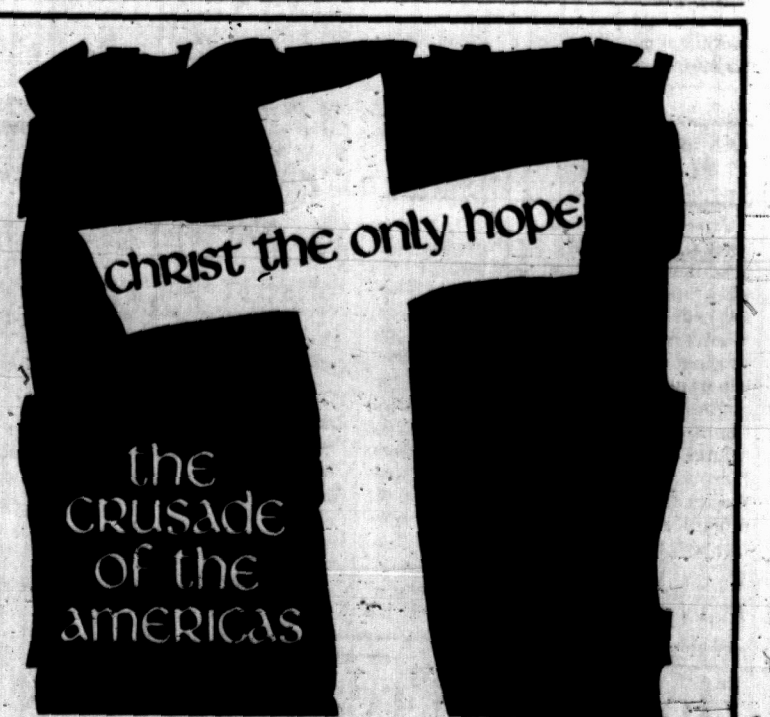
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FIRST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS CELEBRATES 125th BIRTHDAY

First Church, New Orleans, La., celebrated its 125th anniversary on Sunday, December 29.

Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue, Memphis, and pastor at First, New Orleans from 1922 through 1925, spoke at 10:30 a.m.

At 9 a.m. on the Gospel Hour, WNOE, Dr. Grey delivered a specially prepared message for the 125th anniversary occasion on the subject, "From 66 Julia Street to 4301 St. Charles Avenue in 125 Years."

Music for the morning worship service included the Anniversary Hymn written by Mrs. Roland Q. Leavell, "Our God Has Led Us Through the Years," set to the tune, "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand."

At 7 p.m., the church held the annual service of "changing of the guard," installation-ordination of deacons and deacon officers, and installed thirty "yokemen," under their new program of using the talents of the younger men in the congregation.



Gets Eight-Year Pin

REV. CARL E. TALBERT, pastor, is shown receiving his eight-year attendance pin in Sunday school from Jimmie J. Thompson, superintendent of Sunday school of the Pearl Church.

Thursday, January 23, 1958

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Mission Conference Planned

ATLANTA (BP)—Plans for confronting students, young adults and leaders with the world mission task and career opportunities were discussed by Mission '70 committee members who met here recently.

The planning meeting involved 50 members of the committees for Mission '70, a national conference expected to attract about 4,500 participants here Dec. 28-31, 1959.

Participants in Mission '70 will be confronted with the world mission task and with career opportunities in church vocations, and will be given opportunity to respond to specific calls of service in world mission programs. The conference will begin with a Sunday evening worship service and will

close with a New Year's Eve midnight commitment service.

The effort is sponsored by the personal departments of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board, and the program of vocational guidance, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Also cooperating in the effort are the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), the Brotherhood Commission and the program of student work of the Sunday School Board.

Ed Seabough, Home Mission Board, is executive coordinator of the conference. Co-chairmen of the coordinating committee are Lloyd Householder, Sunday School Board; Jesse C. Fletcher, Foreign Mission Board, and Glenndon McCullough, Home Mission Board. These men, with Mrs. R. L. Mathis, WMU; Norman Godfrey, Brotherhood, and Doyle Baird, Sunday School Board comprise the steering committee.

The Regency Hyatt House, headquarters hotel for the conference will reserve more than 600 rooms for conference participants at \$7.00 per person rate for occupancy of a room by three persons. Other Atlanta hotels, cooperating with the conference, will be announced at a later date.

County Line (Greene) Calls Carey Senior

County Line Church, Route 1, State Line, in Greene County, has called Rev. Michael D. Ridgely as pastor. Mr. Ridgely, a senior at William Carey College, was ordained to the ministry December 29 at First Church, Clara. He was a student missionary to Ohio last summer.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., he is married to the former Carolyn McGowan of Lavinia, Tenn.

Rev. L. E. Gandy, pastor of South 28th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, preached the ordination sermon. Others on program at the special service included Rev. Wilson Boggan, superintendent of missions, Greene-Wayne Counties; Rev. David Edenfield, pastor at Clara; and Rev. Mack Jones, missionary to Paraguay.

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- I can be charitable toward everyone, especially the erring.
- I can encourage the study of God's Word.
- I can dedicate my talents to Christian deeds.
- I can be genial, courteous, and kindly to all.
- I can measure the distance between human hearts and seek the lonely.
- I can ever remember we are God's children and Christ walks beside.
- I can seek out the weary and burden-laden and help them to Christ.

—Bulletin, Ruhama Church Birmingham, Alabama



Rev. A. N. Evans

Calvary, Canton, Calls Rev. Alfred N. Evans

Rev. Alfred N. Evans, former pastor at Bruce has accepted a call to be minister at the Calvary Church of Canton.

Evans is a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College. He is now enrolled in his second year at New Orleans Seminary.

He served the Mt. Comfort Church in Bruce for three years, during which time the church received 65 additional members by baptism, and 80 by letter, and carried out a building program.

Mr. Evans has also served pastorates in Lauderdale and Clarke Counties.

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The Misunderstood Jesus

By Clifton J. Allen
Mark 3:7-35



Opposition to Jesus, particularly by the religious leaders, continued to increase. But his fame spread throughout Palestine and even to Phoenicia. The Master had come to an important stage in his ministry. He now appointed twelve out of the larger group of followers to be his apostles, disciples set apart in a special way, whom he would train to carry on his work, who would be companions in his ministry, and who would be the nucleus of the new Israel. These were ordinary men, all doubtless relatively young, but with tremendous potential to learn and to grow, to witness and to suffer. They were set apart for an extraordinary mission. Mark's account moves quickly on to tell how Jesus gave inspiring encouragement to faith.

The Lesson Explained OVERCONCERN-MALICIOUS ENVY (vv. 28-37)

Jesus' popularity, at this time, drew crowds to him. He could not escape them, even for time to eat. And his zeal in preaching and teaching, healing the sick and demon-possessed, and helping people to know God in true faith was marked by such intensity that his friends—likely relatives and intimate acquaintances—thought he was about to "crack up" mentally. They did not understand him or his mission, so much so that they wanted to take him somewhere for quiet and rest.

Another group, representative of the religious hierarchy in Jerusalem, charged that Jesus was in league with Beelzebub (the correct form), the prince of all evil spirits. These scribes were so blinded by prejudice and malicious envy that they were unwilling to recognize the obvious goodness and power of God at work in Jesus. To justify their rejection of him as the Messiah, they charged that his works of mercy were actually wrought by the devil. Jesus responded to this with parables to show the absurdity and iniquity of their charge. It is senseless to say that Satan casts out Satan. A kingdom, if divided against itself, cannot stand. Satan does not act to destroy himself or to deliver persons from demons. Only one stronger than Satan can cast Satan out.

SIN WITHOUT FORGIVENESS (vv. 28-30)

These verses, omitted from the printed passage because of space, must be considered in this context. Jesus identified the sin of the scribes in charging him with having an unclean spirit as the unpardonable sin: there is no forgiveness for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. This does not mean either inadvertent or wilful profanity. It is not resisting, even cursing the Holy Spirit. It is not simply continuing neglect and rebellion toward Christ. The sin without forgiveness means an attitude of moral perversity and malicious envy toward Christ that has reached the stage of hopeless moral blindness, an attitude that goes even to the point of charging Jesus with being in the power of Satan. Any person who has fear of having committed such sin shows by his spiritual concern that he has not reached the point of hopeless moral blindness and can therefore repent of any and ever sin and

receive God's mercy and forgiveness.
TRUE KINSHIP WITH JESUS (vv. 31-35)

It must have been in relation to this same situation that Jesus' mother and half brothers came, earnestly solicitous about his nervous condition and well-being. A crowd pressed upon him too tightly for the mother and brothers to reach him, so that they sent word asking that he come out to them. Mary knew who Jesus was, but she did not nearly fully understand him; and the brothers did not at all believe in him as the Messiah. Here was Jesus' opportunity to define true kinship. Those related to Jesus in the nearest and most intimate way are persons who put the will of God first; who trust God fully and love God supremely.

Truths to Live By

The key to understanding Jesus is openness to him. — Jesus is God's living Word confronting us now. But we cannot understand him unless we are open to him. We must be aware of his presence. We must be willing to listen to him.

We learn about Jesus by being with him. — Jesus chose the twelve apostles "that they should be with him." This is still the way, more important than any other, whereby Christians learn more and more about Jesus Christ. Companionship with Christ through his Spirit can be as real for us as for the disciples walking the dusty roads of Palestine. But this will call for remembering the reality of his resurrection and eternal lordship, thinking about him as our Saviors and Lord, listening to him and talking with him, working with him as he works with us to reconcile and heal all who suffer from the ravages of sin, and trying to help people everywhere find the way to God.

Christians should be willing to be misunderstood for Jesus' sake. — Why should we not be willing to bear his reproaches, to be called names for his sake, to be slandered and ridiculed for being friendly toward outcasts and persons of other races, to be falsely accused as agitators or misguided zealots of justice, or to be laughed at and rejected as impractical idealists or narrow moralists? A Christian should be willing to suffer ridicule or loss or even bodily injury if such results from being honest, or refusing beverage alcohol, or rejecting the pleasures of sex lust, or helping in a righteous cause, or going to the relief of a person in distress. This means involvement with Christ to save the world!

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A Reluctant Foreign Missionary: Jonah

Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-5,10; 4:3, 9-11
By Bill Duncan

God called His people, Israel, to be the channel of missions to all peoples of the world. However Jonah was a prophet that demonstrated much of the attitude of the Israelites. To Jonah and many other Israelites, God was their exclusive territorial God, and they did not want the other nations to know anything but God's judgment upon them because of their treatment of Israel. It is very obvious that God was interested in all men coming to know and worship Him. Yet God was dependent upon his servants to spread the knowledge of Him. When Israel failed to spread the knowledge, then many people perished without a saving relationship to God.



The book of Jonah is a great resource telling us what the role God wants all of us to be. Jonah failed to be the missionary God wanted him to be and this brought great sorrow to God.

The Price of Reluctance
Jonah paid a high cost for the privilege of being disobedient to the great commandment of his God. (1) It cost him the joy of cooperating with God. (2) It cost him the joy of participating in the highest possible service that can be rendered to a city. (3) His disobedience cost him the joy of receiving God's approval. This cost of disobedience was also high for God. It limited the love of God. It limited the power of God to save and help this people. This attitude of Jonah limited the spread of His Kingdom on earth.

The prophet went down to the ship and "paid the price thereof." Little did Jonah know that he could not run away from God. It is strange how people will try to claim reason for not doing God's will. Jonah found a way out but the way was interrupted by God. As one writer said, "This experience was like a fascinating chess game between God and Jonah. The first move was the call, but God also had the last move. It is foolish to run from God's will, because it is best for us and the world to go His will. Look at the prophet fast asleep in his false security. It is a shame for a prophet to be asleep to the opportunities around him. The pagan needed a witness up on board the ship. God's judgment was raging in the storm."

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CHARIOTS PASSING

By Carey E. Cox, director, Mississippi Baptist Foundation
And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot,"

(Acts 8:20 RSV)

Philip, the deacon, was a most effective witness. The Lord worked through this man in bringing about a great revival in a city of Samaria (Acts 8:4-8). It is evident that Philip had certain qualities of life which the Lord can use in soul winning.

The Bible tells us that Philip was "full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom" (Acts 6:3). Any life and every life filled with the Holy Spirit will have the tongue loosed to speak "the wonderful works of God." Jesus said that "When the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you shall be my witnesses."

Good character is of great value in witnessing. That which a person is lends strength to or subtracts from his word. Philip was a man "of honest report." Barnabas "was a good man . . . and many were added to the Lord." It is impossible to separate character from results.

Swiftly to obey is equivalent to victory. Philip was so anxious to please his Lord that when the word came to him "Philip ran." Had he been slow in his response, the chariot would have passed and the Ethiopian would have continued on his way a lost man.

We should never wait to witness until we feel that we "know the Bible." The Gadarene demoniac and the woman at the well in Samaria, by telling others about their experience with Jesus, were used of the Lord to start great revivals. Yet, learning all one can of the word of God is of tremendous value. Philip was an informed man. He knew the Old Testament scriptures and he "began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." Had not Philip known the "scripture," it is probable that the eunuch would not be in heaven now.

There are many chariots which pass our way daily. Some of these repeatedly pass our way, while others pass but once, with it evident that they will never return. The tragedy is that the optic nerve of our soul is so infected with the disease of indifference that we do not see these chariots as witnessing opportunities. Are our ears so filled with the noise of the world that we fail to hear the voice of God saying "Go up and join this chariot?" Is it possible that we have become so materialistic that we thrill over the beauty of the chariot and are insensitive to the need of the lost soul riding in splendor?

It is time for God's people in name to become God's people in reality. Having a mere form of godliness which never impresses the lost person is inadequate. Let us all pray for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit. When that takes place our tongues will tell others about Jesus and our lives will support our testimony. Yes, when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, our eyes will see chariots; our feet will cease to have lead in them; we will get in a hurry lest the opportunity given will not return and the rider in the chariot will be forever lost. Let us hear God say "Join thyself to this chariot" and respond in haste as Philip did.

N. Orleans Seminary Names PR Assistant

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Doug Chatham, a December graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named associate director of public relations for the seminary here.

Chatham, a native of Louisiana, is in charge of the seminary's student placement program, which assists students in securing preaching opportunities and employment.

He will also work with F. Stanley Menden Jr., assistant to the president.

in the general administration of the seminary public relations program. Previously, he was editor of the student newspaper and president of the student council.

Chatham is a graduate of Mississippi College (Baptist), Clinton, Miss., and New Orleans Seminary. He has been pastor of several churches in Mississippi, and currently is pastor of the Way Baptist Church in New Orleans, a church he helped to organize in 1967.

One Pastor Asks, "Do Most Pastors Sacrifice?"

By John E. Barrow, Pastor

New Hope Baptist Church, Meridian

Opposite the thinking of many people, the majority of pastors do sacrifice more financially than even the average people in the church. I am not referring to pastors of large churches where the salary is adequate and they have sufficient expense accounts in the budget to take care of the many extra expenses the pastor will incur. These pastors constitute only about ten percent, or less, among Southern Baptist pastors. This article concerns the majority of the pastors, both among Southern Baptists and other denominations.

In most major denominations pastors are expected first of all to have the equivalent of a B.D. or Th.M. degree. This is seven to eight years above high school, and is comparable to the education of a lawyer or medical doctor. It costs heavily, both in finances and the time in preparation. He usually sacrifices for this education, and there is no way for him to recover the finances in remuneration of salary. Many of the trades in which people demand more salary than the average pastor only require a high school education, or less, with a period of apprenticeship.

For the pastor there is no five-day, eight-hours-a-day work week. He is on duty days, nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and in between. Most pastors are paid less than even those with a trade, nor does a pastor receive overtime pay, regardless of the number of hours he puts in each week for the

church and the people. He receives no service call fee when called to the hospital, bedside of sick people, to conduct a funeral, or to make a call on some member's special friend. Most business and professional people, along with those of a trade, receive service call fees.

The great majority of pastors are not furnished an automobile by their employer, the church, as is the case in many organizations, including expenses for it. Nor are many pastors paid a mileage for their own automobiles used in the service of the church. In many instances, they are not even allowed a set amount to help defray some of that expense. Most of the time the wife works to help keep the "wolf from the door," and also to keep the bill collector away, or people will say, "He won't pay his bills."

A pastor is not exempt from taxes, as many people happen to think. If he is in Social Security, he and the majority of pastors have to pay both parts of that tax, not getting half of it paid by the employer. Social Security was forced upon pastors in 1968. Many pastors have to pay all their hospitalization insurance premiums, not receiving that benefit like many employees do with secular organizations.

Clothes and cleaning bills for the pastor surpass that of most people, since the pastor has to wear dress suits instead of work suits. They are very expensive. Very few pastors receive a bonus at the end of the year like a lot of employees do, regardless of how good the tithes and offerings have been for the year. Of course, it is a must that the pastor take the lead and tithe, as well as leading out

in most special offerings in which the church engages.

Where, then, does this money that the pastor is forced to spend extra come from? It has to come from his own salary, while his family goes without, or as I stated above, the wife is compelled to work to help meet

those "extras." He cannot build any surplus for old age out of his salary.

Is it not time that most churches are awakened to the responsibility that is theirs in helping their pastor to live at least on the same financial level of the average person in the church?



Prentiss Church Is Number Five

PRENTISS CHURCH was number five in the State in per capita giving to missions through the Cooperative Program in 1967-68. Dr. L. E. Green is in his 25th year of ministry as the pastor of this church—four years in an earlier period of his life and 21 years in the present term. Dr. Green preached for nine years before he believed in or practiced tithing. He was converted to this Christian principle under the influence of his wife and Dr. B. C. Land.

The achievement at Prentiss is principally the result of a strong pulpit ministry on tithing over a period of 21 years. For the last two years a series of letters has been mailed to the membership during the tithing emphasis from the pulpit. This has been climaxed with Loyalty Day when pledge cards are returned to the church.

An added missionary emphasis has resulted from the fact that two of Dr. Green's own daughters serve under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board and another member of the church, Rev. Truett Boyd, is a Chaplain in the Navy and is authorized by the Prentiss Church to baptize his converts into its membership.

Seminary Missions Conference Asks 'What World Needs Now'

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A jazz liturgy, a dramatic theme interpretation, and vigorous discussion will highlight the annual Student Missions Conference at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary February 21-23.

"What the World Needs Now" is the theme of the gathering, which is expected to attract more than 1,000 college students from the South and Midwest.

Three Southern Baptist pastors — Jack Noffsinger of Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Louis Wilhite of West End Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala-

ma; and William L. Self of Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia — will address the conferees in plenary session, as will Professor John Killinger of the Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee.

Ron Willis, who ministers to hippies in the Haight-Asbury district of troubled San Francisco; and James Wright, who is a home missionary serving in New York City, will bring the students new insights on the church and the modern urban climate.

Registrants will pay a fee of \$3.00 to cover travel insurance, and the Fri-

day evening buffet. Housing, as available, will be offered at no charge to the students. Information and pre-registration materials are available

from the Student Missions Conference, Southern Baptist Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

Watch Out For Older Pedestrians

"This is the danger season when drivers need to be on the alert for older pedestrians," according to Hillel H. Yampol, Executive Director, Metropolitan Chicago Nursing Home Association. He pointed out that longer hours of darkness, fog, snow, sleet and rain make it harder for drivers to see and stop in time.

"For their part, older persons should avoid jaywalking," he said. "When they walk, they should try to avoid the hours between 4 PM and midnight, and they should remember that Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays are the worst accident days." (From Safe Winter Driving League, printed at request of Pilot Club of Jackson)



Rev. G. W. DeBord

Called To Long Beach

Dr. and Mrs. Gail Worth DeBord and two sons, Mark and Matthew, were welcomed to his new pastorate at First Church, Long Beach, on January 5, with a reception and food poisoning.

Dr. DeBord, native of Columbia, Missouri, is a graduate of University of Missouri, and received the Th.D. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He previously was pastor of New Providence, Columbia, and Millersburg Church, Fulton, Missouri; Hebron Church, Bush, La., and most recently at Bayou Church, Slidell, La. While in Slidell, he was association moderator of the St. Tammany Ministerial Alliance, chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol, and active in the PTA.

He succeeds Rev. Connie Ward, who resigned at Long Beach last June to accept a pastorate in Marshall, Texas.



Rev. John Lester Hawkins

Trinity Calls Pastor

New pastor of Trinity, Biloxi, is Rev. John Lester Hawkins who resigned Pleasant Home Church (Jones) where he had served as pastor since September, 1966.

Hawkins is a native of Liberty. Following six months active duty with the National Guard, he enrolled in Bob Jones University where he was graduated in 1963. He did a year's graduate study there in Bible and ancient languages. He is presently studying in New Orleans Seminary where he plans to complete requirements for a Master's degree in 1969.

During his ministry in Jones County, the church had 40 additions and the educational building was completed and centrally heated.

He and his family are now living in the Trinity parsonage at 306 Pine Grove Avenue, Biloxi. Mrs. Hawkins is the former Mary Evelyn Fridgen of Laurel. They have one son, Michael, 2½.



Rev. Ken Pickens

Vardaman Calls Pastor

First Church, Vardaman has called Rev. Ken Pickens as pastor. Mr. Pickens moved to Vardaman January 1 from Cato Church, Rankin County.

A native of Tupelo, he graduated from Mississippi College in 1962. On December 20, 1968, he received from New Orleans Seminary the Master of Theology degree, Honors Program.

Vardaman welcomed Mr. Pickens and his wife, the former Martha Atkinson of Tupelo, with a reception, and presented to the couple many lovely and useful gifts.

Rev. and Mrs. Pickens have four daughters, Deborah, Shirley, Trudie, and Connie.

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Carey Announces "Mobile Night"

"Mobile Night" will be held at William Carey College on Saturday evening, February 1. According to college official, John Craig, Carey will play host to Mobile high school area students for supper in the new school cafeteria and for the Carey Crusader basketball game between Carey and Baptist Christian College of Baton Rouge.

William Carey College alumni in the Mobile area have joined in the project of assisting high school seniors and juniors to visit the Carey campus and see it firsthand. Louis Scott, of Mobile, is the president of the Carey Alumni Association for 1969. He has assured students that automobiles will be provided to transport them to and from Hattiesburg on February 1. Reservations should be made through him (1158 Ridgewood Dr., Mobile) or through Mr. John Craig, Department of Admissions, Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.

Rev. Leon V. Young Dies

Rev. Leon V. Young, 74, a resident of 105 East Leake Street in Clinton died Jan. 12 after an extended illness. A member of First Baptist Church of Clinton, Mr. Young was a retired Baptist minister and a veteran of World War I.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Dollie Thornton Young of Clinton; three sons: Rev. Dwight Young of Paw Paw, Mich., Dr. David N. Young of Jefferson City, Tenn., and Mark S. Young of Clinton; three daughters: Mrs. Joy Sandifler of Bowling Springs, N. C., Mrs. Edna Grogan, Erving, Tex., and Mrs. William (Opal) Ferrell of Domingo Repetto No. 327, Martinez, Buenos Aires, Argentina; one brother, John Sharp Young of McComb; five sisters: Mrs. Florence Smith and Mrs. Bertha McKee of Magnolia, Mrs. Lorene Westbrook of Summit, Mrs. Ida Mae Reed of San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. Carrie Chance of Phoenix, Ariz.; 32 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 14 from First, Clinton, with interment in Clinton Cemetery.

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Clarke President Turns On The Star

President W. L. Compere stands on ladder to light the center star, indicative of a successful conclusion of Clarke College's efforts in the Christmas offering for Foreign Missions. A goal for the offering had been set earlier at \$3,000; but the final total reached \$3,550. Promotion of the missions emphasis was led by the College Y. W. A., Sue Jones, President, and the Baptist Student Union, Rev. J. B. Costilow, Director, and Thom McInnis, President.



PARTICIPATING in the note-burning ceremony at Mt. Zion were, l to r, Rev. W. W. Boggan, speaker, Rev. B. Dolfus Hardin, pastor of the church; and James Sumrall, substituting for V. K. McMillan, chairman of Finance Committee, who was ill.

Mt. Zion (Wayne) Burns Note

By Rev. B. D. Hardin

On Sunday morning, Dec. 29, Mt. Zion Church, Waynesboro, observed a note burning ceremony. The church has just paid off the last obligations on the new church building and on a Baldwin organ.

The church was built in 1965 and the organ was purchased two months ago. The debt on the church was paid about twelve months ago, while the debt on the organ was paid four years ahead of time.

The message for the occasion was brought by Rev. W. W. Boggan, superintendent of missions for the Wayne

and Greene County Associations. The inspiring and challenging message on "The Power of a Dream" was based on II Chronicles 6:7-10.

The Building Committee was composed of Charles H. Gilbert, Chairman, Heshkiah Coxwell, and John C. Sumrall. The Finance Committee was composed of Mrs. James Sumrall, Chairman, Mrs. M. W. West, and Mrs. Ozris McMillan. The Finance Committee was V. K. McMillan, Chairman, James Sumrall, Mrs. Glover Jones, Mrs. C. H. Gilbert, Mrs. Edwin Porter.

Combined Choirs Sing At Ridgcrest, Jackson

VARIOUS CHOIRS from Ridgcrest Church, Jackson, participated in Carol Service in December.

Tom Moak is minister of music and Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor.